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## WEST GERMANY AGREEMENT

### Separate Federal Government Proposed

#### Bose Nephews Released

Calcutta, June 7. Two nephews of Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the "Free India Government" in Burma during the war, who were arrested in February in connection with a shooting incident at a reception for delegates to the East Asia Youth Conference, have been released, due to lack of evidence.

#### Labour Men Dash To Paris

London, June 6. Two leaders of Britain's ruling Labour Party dashed to Paris today for a meeting regarded here as something of a mystery.

Morgan Phillips, Secretary General of the Labour Party, flew to the French capital from Vienna, cancelling an engagement to address an International Socialist Conference.

James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance, went to Paris from London to meet Phillips. An official statement said they were to discuss "Party matters."

It was speculated here, however, that their talks concerned international matters. It was speculated that:

1—Phillips and Griffiths are seeking to ally forces of French Socialists with the still secret six-power agreement on the future of Western Germany, jeopardising French security. It is expected that the agreement will be announced on Monday.

2—Leaders of the Socialist Parties of the 16 countries participating in the European Recovery Programme might be planning an emergency meeting to talk about the US House of Representatives' shift in the aid programme.—Associated Press.

## RUSSIA OPPOSES FIVE-POINT PLAN

Washington, June 7.

In the face of certain Russian opposition, the western Powers announced today a five-point proposal for creating a separate, federal government in Western Germany.

At the same time they revealed new measures to block any further German aggression.

The agreements, results of a six-Power western nation conference which ended at London a week ago, were announced simultaneously here and in Europe.

They are "subject to formal acceptance by the Governments of the United States, Britain, France, and the low countries, and a shift light over them is expected at Paris."

It reportedly was to meet French security fears and ease French acceptance of steps to fit Western Germany into European reconstruction, that down their most comprehensive agreement thus far projected for keeping Germany under control.

Another victory for the French was contained in an agreement for an international control of the Ruhr "in which United States, United Kingdom, France, Benelux countries and Germany would participate, and which does not involve the political separation of the Ruhr area from Germany."

#### Ruhr Industry

"It does, however, contemplate control of distribution of coal, coke and steel of the Ruhr," the communiqué continued.

In order that on the one hand industrial concentration in that area shall not become an instrument of aggression and on the other will be able to make its contribution to all countries participating in a European co-operative economic programme, including, of course, Germany itself.

On security, the official statement reported this general provision: "The United States, the United Kingdom and French delegates reiterate the firm views of their governments that there could not be any general withdrawal of their forces from Germany until the peace of Europe is secured and

without prior consultation. "During this period there should be no general withdrawal of the forces of occupation of the United States, France or the United Kingdom without prior consultation."

"It was further recommended that the Governments concerned should consult if any of them should consider that there was a danger of resurgence of German military power, or of the adoption by Germany of a policy of aggression."

#### Security Board

The conference also agreed that the Military Governors of the western zones should create a military security board, to assure continued disarmament and demilitarisation in Germany.

Further, it was agreed that, prior to any general withdrawal of occupation forces, "agreements will be reached among the governments concerned with respect to necessary measures of demilitarisation, disarmament and control of industry and with respect to occupation of key areas."

Likewise, the conference decided there should be a post-occupation inspection system to keep Germany disarmed.

The communiqué described the London agreements "which also include proposals for 'minor provisional territorial adjustments' on the western frontiers of Germany as designed to solve 'urgent political and economic problems' due to the split between Russia and the western powers. The decisions were described as not closing the door on eventual Big Four agreements."

#### French Approval Expected

London, June 7. Authoritative sources said today that French rejection of any part of the provisional six-power agreement on Western Germany would compel the participating powers to scrap the whole agreement.

"The agreement specifically stated its main provisions 'depend upon an indivisible programme.'"

However, Anglo-American circles in London expect the French Chamber of Deputies to approve the agreement despite Paris press reports to the contrary. British and American ratification appear to be certain. Neither Government need submit the agreement to its legislature because it is not a treaty.

A copy of the six-power agreement was handed to Soviet Ambassador Zarinin by the British Foreign Office shortly before its general release at 11 a.m. BST. No original note inviting Soviet participation accompanied it.

Anglo-American quarters regarded the agreement as a reconciliation of several points of view. The American delegation believe the conference went far toward meeting the French approach to the German problem and satisfying the French desires.

Informed sources said no special number of years were discussed during consideration of how long the Allied occupation of Germany should last. The agreement also does not affect the agreed level of industry for Germany.

The British Cabinet studied and quickly approved today the six-nation proposals on Germany. A Government source said. "Associated Press and United Press."

## No Boycott Of Japanese Goods

Singapore, June 7.

The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce has decided not to call a boycott of Japanese goods.

The Chinese language news paper "Chung Shing Jit Poh" recently appealed for a boycott of Japanese textiles on the ground that their influx into southeast Asia markets was a threat to China's textile industry. The boycott proposal was made by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Association and the Chinese Cotton Textiles Association.

The Chamber considered that as trade with Japan was on a barter basis it could not possibly take any effective steps to enforce a boycott.

Many Chamber members also thought that the Government should know best what Japanese imports should be allowed in the interests of local economy.—Reuter.

## JAPS ON TRIAL FOR BATAAN DEATH MARCH

Tokyo, June 7.

Two former Japanese high-ranking army officers, who were alleged to have ordered the Bataan Death March, went on trial for their lives today before an American army military commission in Yokohama.

They are Major-General Yoshitaka Kawano and Colonel Kuratara Hirono, who are charged with the responsibility for the death of approximately 1,200 American and 10,000 Filipino prisoners on the infamous march.

They were also accused of contributing to the death of another 1,548 American and 25,000 Filipino prisoners who reached the end of the march at Camp O'Donnell, where they died from exhaustion.

Both Kawano and Hirono pleaded not guilty. Kawano was in command of the Japanese 14th Transport Command, which was responsible for all prisoners of war in the Philippines in 1942.

Hirono was the commander of a transportation unit, which was responsible for transporting thousands of prisoners from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell, a distance of approximately 95 miles. Prisoners were murdered when they became too exhausted to continue, the prosecution charged.

#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

### Haganah Fighter



A steel-helmeted girl member of Haganah, armed with a Sten gun. She took part in the operations at Acre.—(AP Photo)

## NEW REGULATIONS TO CHECK EXCESSIVE HOTEL CHARGES

Regulations to curb excessive prices charged for hotel accommodation in the Colony were announced yesterday by Capt. P. F. J. Eardley, Quarters Authority. He disclosed that 88 different hotels, boarding houses, public dormitories and institutions such as the Chinese and European Y.M.C.A., Chinese Y.W.C.A. hostel, and the Helena May Institute have been informed of these new regulations.

They have also been asked to submit floor plans of their accommodation with complete details of the prices charged per room and per person by June 15. Capt. Eardley said that with this information, a survey of the whole of the Colony's hotel accommodation will be made and the prices now being charged will be examined in relation to the prewar charges by such establishments and the effect of the cost of living index.

From this data it is hoped to fix fair and reasonable rates for all types of establishment offering accommodation to the public in accordance with the standards and amenities of such establishments which will prove satisfactory to the public at large and provide a fair profit to the proprietors thereof.

#### MacDonald's Speech Applauded

Singapore, June 7.

Singapore newspapers applauded Sunday night's anti-Communist speech by British Commissioner-General Malcolm MacDonald and called for strong Government public action against Communist infiltration into the country's labour union movement.

A Singapore Free Press editorial advocated banishment of that "politically undesirable" as the first step to meet "Malaya's gravest problem—the open legal attempt of the Communist Party to capture the trade unions so that labour may be mobilised for the Communist revolution."

The Malaya Tribune, which represents an influential body of Asian opinion, in a front page editorial, said "No one can affect to believe that Communists or their stooges are anything but a menace, no matter to what extent some of the stooges may be motivated by genuine but mistaken motives."

The Free Press said while the "official" Malayan Communist Party might not be responsible for current outbreaks of lawlessness and gangsterism in Malaya, "Communist agitation is not confined to the properly constituted party."

In addition to the official party there is at work in this country a secret Communist organisation. From this secret Communist column has come the inspiration, and will to murder and destroy. These men must be hunted down.—Associated Press.

#### CANTON TAX COLLECTION

Canton, June 7. The Municipal Government of Canton collected CN\$123,000 million from various taxes in April, according to the Municipal Tax Collection Office.

The Business Tax, totalling some CN\$40,000 million, gave the City Government the greater part of its revenue.

Meanwhile, the Tax Collection Office has been directed by the Ministry of Finance to impose a special business tax on film distributors in Canton.

It is stated that film distributors do not pay any tax on their returns from leasing their pictures to the cinema houses.—Reuter.

#### The Weather

The anticyclone centre east of Hainan continues to move slowly eastward. It extends westward to the China coast.

A well developed trough of low pressure extending southward across Central China from the depression over Mongolia separates this high pressure from the relatively high pressure area over Western China.

Another trough of low pressure stretches eastward from Tientsin across the South China Sea.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate SE or NE winds, fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 80.5 deg. F. Minimum: 74.1 deg. F. Sunshine: 4.5 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—44.9 mm (1.77 in.) as against an average of 480.4 mm (19.0 in.) for this month.

Bar. at sea level: 1008.4, 1004.0 m.m. Equals: 29.78, 29.65 inches.

Rel. Humidity: 74, 72 % Dew Point: 76, 76 deg. F. Wind Direction: SE, NW Wind Force: 10 knots Time: 11. High: 1007, 7.5 Low: 1006, 4.5 Tides: 1747, 2.1

## PRESIDENT BENES RESIGNS

Prague, June 7.

President Eduard Benes resigned today.

Premier Klement Gottwald's office announced that his resignation was accepted at a special Cabinet meeting.

President Benes, who was born in Bohemia on May 28, 1884, was elected President of the Czechoslovak Republic on December 18, 1935, for a term of seven years. In 1942 he was continued in office until a successor could be appointed.

The Constituent Assembly by unanimous vote on June 19, 1946, named him president for the third time.

He was to serve until a new Constitution was drafted and another election held.

Dr. Benes was recently reported to be seriously ill but his official staff denied this.

Rumours of his resignation have been current since the Communist minority under Premier Klement Gottwald seized power in a swift coup in February.

Dr. Benes immediately retired appearing in Prague but once, and then to attend the funeral of Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk whose three-storey plunge to death is believed to have come about because of despondency over his failure to halt the Red coup.—United Press and Associated Press.

#### SHAMEEN RIOT SEQUEL

Canton, June 7. The thirty-one alleged ringleaders of the Shameen disturbances on January 10 will be tried about the middle of this month, according to the "Chien Kuo Jih Pao."

The paper stated that a Special Criminal Court will be established here to try the men. This court will also have before it other persons accused of crimes of disturbing "international peace and friendship and endangering the safety of the state."—Reuter.

## China Aid Director Arrives In Shanghai

Shanghai, June 7.

Mr. Roger Lapham, China aid director, said here today that he "hopes the United States Senate will restore the US\$63,000,000 cut off from China's aid bill by the Appropriations Committee."

Speaking at a press conference shortly after his arrival from the United States, Mr. Lapham said that his ten-man mission would "do all we can to support the Government."

Mr. Lapham said that under the original aid bill of US\$409,000,000, China was to receive \$338,000,000 for "economic purposes" and \$125,000,000 for military reasons, but he added that the latter was "not under the

jurisdiction of the Economic Co-operation Administration."

Mr. Lapham said that the China Relief Mission will wind up its affairs at the end of this month and its personnel will be asked to leave the mission.

Mr. Lapham revealed that he would fly to Nanking tomorrow and confer with the United States Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, "with whom we will keep in close touch."

Mr. Charles L. Stillman, Vice-President of the Time-Life Organisation, who accompanied Mr. Lapham on the China Mission, said: "It is most likely that \$60,000,000 of the China aid funds will be set aside for, first, a loan or grant to the proposed United Power Company in Shanghai, secondly, for the rehabilitation of the Canton-Kowloon railway, and thirdly, to develop two groups of coal-mines on both sides of the railway."

The mission, he said, will determine how the money is to be used and what projects are to be adopted. Mr. Stillman said that before his departure for China, he had lengthy conferences with high-ranking United States officials, including General Wedemeyer, United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.

China's aid mission, under the chairmanship of Premier Wang Wen-hao will be formally established in Nanking after Mr. Lapham's arrival.—Reuter.

Communist guerrilla activity flared up again during the weekend when rebels fired on a goods train and blew up the track between Pynman and Ywawaw dislocating rail traffic between Rangoon and Mandalay. It is learned today.—United Press.

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## CHINA'S INDUSTRY TO MOVE SOUTH

Nanking, June 7.

Premier Wong Wen-hao announced today that his government plans to move all important factories in Communist threatened North China to South and Central China. He also said that his government will study means of reforming the Chinese currency.

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ing, asked members to submit their suggestions in writing to the premier for his consideration. Meanwhile the Legislative Yuan will discuss a currency reform bill tomorrow. The bill asked for reforming the currency at the earliest possible moment to avert economic collapse.—United Press.

#### Transfer To Colony Ban

Shanghai, June 7.

The Chinese Government has banned the removal of textile equipment from Shanghai to Hong Kong and South China, according to a financial daily paper closely connected with the Central Bank.

The ban, the paper said, was passed to prevent the large-scale transfer of China's textile mills to the south in order to escape Government restrictions.—Reuter.

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I WANT YOU TO SEE SOMETHING MOVING

HOMER MOVIE? OH, NO! YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE FANATICS, TOO ARE YOU? AND AT THREE A.M.

BUT, WHAT ARE THEY? I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM MYSELF.

OH, YES... LET ME ROLL!

## WOMEN SENT TO PRISON ON ABORTION CHARGE

Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was passed yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on Mak Chee-ching alias Li Pui-ying, who pleaded guilty to a charge of using instruments to procure the miscarriage of a woman named Li Pui-wan on Mar. 25, 1948.

Chan Yuk-sim, who was charged together with Mak and who had pleaded "not guilty" was found guilty by a jury and sentenced by Mr. Justice Williams to four months' imprisonment with hard labour. Li Pui-wan, who was charged with aiding, abetting and assisting Mak Chee-ching alias Li Pui-ying and Chan Yuk-sim to commit the said crime on herself, was found guilty and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Lunsdale, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Downman. Mak was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Chan and Li were not legally represented.

On the premises, a quantity of drugs and some instruments were found. Some of the drugs found were used in connection with pregnancy and childbirth. As pregnancy and childbirth, the condition of third accused, who in the Kwong Wah Hospital, did not improve, it was necessary to carry out an operation on her. As a result of the operation, the doctor was led to the conclusion that an abortion had been carried out.

Evidence in support of the Crown case was given by a number of witnesses, after which Chan Yuk-sim, second accused, entered the witness box. Chan claimed that the illegal operation was performed by another person. The latter had, Chan said, asked her to take responsibility and had promised to put up bail and to engage counsel, if necessary.

The third accused said she had nothing to say. After the jury had returned their verdict, Hsu Siu-fong, daughter of first accused, was called as a witness. She said that her mother was a qualified midwife, but had ceased to practice. Hsu, who said that she had two younger brothers, declared that her mother was kind and always willing to help others. As Hsu broke down and began to cry, she was not asked any further questions. Her mother, who was in the dock, also burst into tears.

In a plea for mitigation on behalf of first accused, Mr. Clifford said that the offence was a peculiar one. Any violence done was done with the full consent and at the request of the person on whom it was done. Mr. Clifford submitted that the offence of abortion was a moral offence which originally came

## Hawkers Having A Thin Time

Hawkers, like the poor, are always with us. Gallions of printers' ink have been spilled on the highly controversial subject of the treatment of hawkers by the Police and Urban Council authorities, without any remedy having been found.

The recent allocation of fixed pitches has, apparently, made confusion more confounded. Scores of cases come before the Kowloon Magistrates every day, in which the hawkers are charged with either (a) obstruction, or (b) hawking without a licence, or (c) hawking away from their pitches. In the majority of cases under (a) and (b), the Court prosecutors are constrained to say "all licences have been issued." In cases of (c) most of the offenders pleaded that they did not know their pitches as they have not yet been marked out by the P.W.D.

As the majority of hawkers complained, "one gets arrested whether in possession of a licence or not."

## Transformer Station Use Only

A building lot of 4,000 square feet in To Kwa Wan at the junction of Sheung Heung and Toi Kwa Wan Roads (K.L.L. 6011) was sold yesterday at an auction of Crown Land at the P.W.D. for the upset price of \$20,000 to the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., who applied for it for the purpose of erecting an electrical transforming and switching station.

About 20 people, who were evidently unaware of the condition of sale, which stipulated that the land must be used for the erection of a transforming and switching station, waited from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., as holding of the auction was held up pending the arrival of a representative of the China Light & Power Company who did not turn up till after several telephone reminders from the P.W.D. officials.

One bidder, unaware of this special condition, made a bid of \$25,000 but after being reminded of it by the auctioneer, withdrew his bid. There were no other bidders.

The sale was on a 75-year lease, and subject to a minimum rentable improvement of \$60,000 being expended on the lot within 6 months.

Annual Crown Rent is \$146.

## Conductor Was Not So Dumb

When asked for his ticket, 20-year-old Chan On blankly told the bus conductor he was a fool, then produced a pass.

Asked to explain the "strange" features of the photo identifying the bearer of the pass, Chan said he had lost weight and looked a little different from that which was taken some time ago.

The sceptical conductor thought differently and took Chan to the police station, where after inquiry he was charged with evading bus fare.

It was found that defendant had used a friend's pass. Appearing before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday, Chan was sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment.

## NOT THE WAY TO MAKE MONEY

Two Chinese, Ho Hoi and Chung Kwong, who allegedly visited the premises of a blind fortune teller at Hollywood Road for the purpose of finding out their prospects of making some money by luck, found themselves arraigned before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to rob.

Ho Hoi was additionally charged with assault with intent to resist arrest.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the Crown, assisted by Det. Insp. T. Cushman.

Mr. Reynolds said that at about 1.30 p.m. on Jan. 31, four men went to 143 Hollywood Road, 2nd floor, occupied by a woman named Pun Ngor and her blind husband, Kwan Lam, a fortune teller. The first two gained admittance by saying that they wished to have a consultation with Kwan Lam. A few moments after, another knock was heard at the door. When she opened the door, Pun Ngor saw a third man, followed by a fourth. As he came up the stairway, the fourth placed a handkerchief over his mouth.

The third man told Pun Ngor to close the door or he would stab her to death. Pun Ngor immediately ran down the stairs, followed by the men. She was pushed and fell down, but fortunately did not receive any injuries. Two of the men were observed to run into Shing Weng Street, FC 986 Mak Ning, on duty in the area, chased first accused. When he reached a blacksmith's shop in Hillier Street, he picked up a soldering iron and threatened to attack the police constable. The constable arrested him, and

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Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

## Correspondence

### Ex-Government Servants

Sir,—As the result of insufficient salaries to meet the prevailing high cost of living, many government servants resigned from their services during the years 1946 to 1948. Already impoverished by the Japanese ruthless exploitation during their occupation, these poor fellows had, after liberation, to start life all over again, and with their pitifully small income, had to provide for their families housing, clothing, food, conveyance, education, and numerous sundry expenses. And all such expenses are nearly five to ten times the pre-war costs. They were struggling against poverty like poor little fishes struggling against the ice freezing all round them. Their struggle was hard.

As by no means a disloyal uprising against the Government, already two and a half years have elapsed before that encouraging promise from the respective employer was visibly brought to reality. Two and a half long and dreadful years of twenty-five years of debt was to fall into. Nor could we live on loans for ever, for there was no incessant generosity. We could not risk to engage ourselves in criminal attempts. Just think if the employer were to our place, what other alternative could be adopted than to resign from the services and to look for some honest but better living elsewhere? That heartening announcement of awarding pay was did not come two years earlier, only to be delivered two years afterwards to serve as a rescue after death had taken place. Does the employer really think our resignation a matter of ambition, or anything resembling that of disloyalty?

Now that day dawns on our poor fellow-workers that they are to be awarded with the much-longed-for war salaries, what about those who had resigned? There is no mention about these outcasts. Most of them resumed their duties in 1946 and 1947, and in 1948, 1947 and 1948. Their respective personal condition all comes under the category of the General Conditions of the announcement. Then would they be awarded the same treatment as those who are still in service? Or, since they have resigned, concerning authority would reply us in this correspondence column, or in a general talk in the press.

### Hotel Rates

Sir,—Our hotel has this afternoon received a letter or circular from the Compent Authority (Price Control-Hotel Services) asking us to send to Government details of all our room accommodation and the rates we are charging for rooms and persons. We do not think there should be any control over the rates charged by Hong Kong hotels at present as these are in most cases very reasonable indeed, and we have had great expense in rehabilitating our premises, and buying new things. Also wages of servants are much higher than before the war times.

Mostly we are catering to people passing through Hong Kong who only stay for a short time, and we bring money into the Colony by doing so, thereby giving employment and meeting a public need. We always make reasonable arrangements with permanent guests with which they are well satisfied. It is all we can do now to cover expenses and any idea of Government sending inspectors to which us is most repugnant to us. We would always make a reply sincerely that this is not intended now or at any future time as we always give great cooperation to Government in providing rooms at specially cheap rates for officials, even though it means great hardship to us.

Mr. Editor, I am sure you will understand our position and support us in maintaining our livelihood in this difficult time, when even houses are being sold for four and five times their former prices, and good flats must be sold at many times the old price. Why should we alone suffer?

### Doctor-Creditor Bill Grievances

Sir,—I shall be grateful if you will kindly publish my following grievances in your letter column about Debtor-Creditor Bill, at your earliest convenience.

I think every one in this Colony would agree with me that very, very few could afford to buy any house mortgaged to the banks, except those who collaborated with the Jap authority. If the debtors of this category, who were forced by the Jap liquidator, to sell their houses to get occupation money for repaying the mortgages on them, are again asked to pay a large part of the debts again, it is very harsh and unfair to them. I think it is very fair to ask those who bought those houses mortgaged to the banks to pay the proposed sympathetic debtors the value of those houses have been increased two or three times.

I belong to the debtor of this category, who has fought against Japanese domination since 1947, and has secretly assisted the British Nationals (including two British officials of one of the leading banks in Hong Kong) to escape before the Jap occupation. I hope the British authority will not be so hard on me as the case mentioned above. I am, Sir, a dedicated and patriotic citizen.

ANTI AGGRESSION,

### Shed-O Drowning?

Sir,—If murder had been committed on Shed-O beach yesterday I've no doubt that your paper would have carried large type headlines this morning.

Something so much worse than murder has not the same news value. I stood with dozens more yesterday afternoon, watching three British men, one at least a soldier—drown before our very eyes.

Powerless to help we stood there listening to the despairing screams of people who wanted to live as much as we did. It was not a question of swimming or being pulled out, but of being pulled out of the water. It was impossible to reach them whereupon the waves swept one out of depth.

By forming a chain and holding on to each other they managed to clutch one man as he swept in and dragged him ashore where his comrades tried to revive him. However, when they carried him to the truck he was still purple, and saw no sign of an ambulance or of a doctor, so perhaps he died too.

Possibly he is well and happy this morning also it could be that the others were swept round the headland and picked up safely.

I wish to God I knew it to be so.

During this time two beach inspectors just stood and displayed not the slightest interest, some amateurs tried to launch the lifeboat which was sucked under and hurled back on the beach.

Even after it was all over these stupid criminal men, who by virtue of their uniforms and outward signs of authority and the fact that they were inspectors could have prevented people from getting beyond the first line of breakers, by a few words, just stood there with expressionless faces, watching more people doing the same thing.

The point of this seemingly pointless letter is a request that you use your power to ensure that a lifeboat attached to a strong rope is placed at intervals along the beach.

It is very simple and wouldn't cost much. The public could subscribe if necessary. I'll collect it, I must make some effort to quiet this screaming in my ears. They may be all saved, but it will happen again. It may be someone belonging to you. They did not scream like that when the Jerry planes dived on the unarmed search-light crews. I know.

MARIE GRACE (Mrs.) [Police and Army authorities said yesterday they had no report of drowning at Shed-O beach, and no European had been reported missing. Personal advertisement on leader page may be of some enlightenment, however.—Ed.]

### Max Bickerton

Sir,—Looking over the list of decorations for services rendered during Hostilities 1941 to 1945 I am astounded to see that several names are missing from Stanley Camp P.O.W.s. One in particular, the Official Interpreter Mr. Max Bickerton whose name is conspicuous by its absence.

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ONE OF THE P.O.W.s

### THE BARBER LOST HIS COAT

For stealing a jacket from a 45-year-old street barber in Shum-chik, Tam Yung, 28, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. A. Blair (Kerr) at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said (in plain English) that the barber, who was found in his workshop at 41 Ewellin Street, had been seen to steal a jacket from a Japanese soldier who was in the third floor landing, he saw the barber holding the jacket and running away with it. He was seen to run away with it. He was seen to run away with it. He was seen to run away with it.

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Shops and "China Mail" Office.

## NOTICE

Mr. Ken Baker, of the Labour  
Office will give a talk to  
teachers on "Trade-Unionism"  
on Wednesday 9th June, at 3  
p.m. at the Catholic Centre,  
King's Building. All teachers  
are requested to be present.

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## POLICE NOTICE

Police Arrangements for the  
King's Birthday Parade to be  
held at 9 a.m. on Thursday,  
10th June, 1948, at the Race  
Course, Happy Valley, are as  
follows:—

### 1. Spectators:

(a) Ticket holders and Jockey  
Club Members are re-  
quested to use the mem-  
bers enclosure entrance.  
Other spectators are re-  
quested to use the main  
public entrance. Members  
of the Jockey Club should  
wear Club membership  
Badges.

(b) All spectators are asked  
to be inside the main gate  
of the Race Course by  
8.50 a.m.

### 2. Closed Roads:

(a) Queen's Road East will be  
closed to traffic proceed-  
ing West from 7.45 a.m.  
until 9 a.m.

(b) Queen's Road East will be  
closed to traffic proceed-  
ing East from 9.40 a.m.  
until the troops and  
spectators have dispersed

### 3. Traffic Route:

All traffic except as shown  
in paragraph 5 below will  
proceed clockwise round the  
Race Course viz. coming from  
Queen's Road East and Gap  
Road, vehicles will turn left  
into Morrison Hill Road, turn  
right into Wong Nei Chung  
Road, and so round to the  
Main Entrance.

4. Car Parks:  
Except as shown in Par-  
agraph 5 below cars will park  
on the East side of Wong Nei  
Chung Road, facing north  
alongside the Grandstands of  
the Race Course and on the car  
park at the South-west corner  
of Race Course.

### 5. Flag Cars:

(a) Routes: Flag cars will be  
allowed to travel against  
the one way traffic. Flag  
cars will enter the Race  
Course by the Paddock  
Gate turning right onto the  
cinder track to the  
Saluting Base.

(b) Parking: After disem-  
barking their passengers,  
Flag Cars will proceed to  
the south-west corner of  
the Race Course, reverse  
and park at this spot until  
the conclusion of the  
ceremony.

Note: Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and  
5 above will also apply at  
the Full Dress Rehearsal  
of Parade to be held at  
9.00 a.m. on 8th June,  
1948.

Commissioner of Police,  
Hong Kong 7th June, 1948.

## DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS & EXPORTS NOTICE.

This Department will be  
closed on Thursday, the 10th  
June, 1948 for all purposes ex-  
cept for entry and clearance of  
ships' manifests between 9.00  
a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

H.R.J. WOULFE-FLANAGAN,  
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Dated: 7th June, 1948.

## BANK HOLIDAY

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## No Danger Of S. Africa Quitting

London, June 7.  
General Jan Smuts, former  
South African premier, arriv-  
ing at a London airport today,  
declared that there was no  
danger of South Africa leav-  
ing the British Commonwealth  
as a result of the Nationalist  
victory in the Union's recent  
elections.

"As far as South Africa is con-  
cerned, the foreign relations and  
Commonwealth relation of the  
country are very largely, perhaps  
entirely, unaffected by the  
changes taking place there.  
"South Africa will not leave  
the Empire for a moment", he  
said.

Asked what brought about the  
change in public opinion, as  
shown in the elections, he replied:  
"It is the post-war desire for a  
change as the people do not like  
old faces, and old voices, and old  
smiles and old speeches".

General Smuts, who has come  
to be installed as Chancellor of  
Cambridge University next Tues-  
day, said that he would remain  
in Britain for only a week to ful-  
fill this engagement before going  
to Holland.—Reuter.

## DEATH PENALTY--CABINET DILEMMA

London, June 6.  
Mounting pressure from the Conservative Opposi-  
tion and elsewhere may force the Government  
to suggest a modification of the abolition of  
capital punishment, recently decided against  
its official advice by a narrow majority in a  
free vote of the House of Commons.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter-Ede, who is respon-  
sible for the Criminal Amendment Bill, to  
which the abolition clause—for an experi-  
mental period of five years—was added by  
the House of Commons and since rejected by  
the House of Lords, may be the object of a  
Conservative vote of censure if the Opposition  
this week does not receive satisfaction from  
the Government.

The Cabinet meets tomorrow  
but the subject which it dis-  
cussed last Thursday is not so  
far on the agenda as it is  
expected, however, to pro-  
duce a sharp clash at the meet-  
ing of the 400-strong Parliamen-  
tary Labour Party on Wednesday.  
It is suggested that the Gov-  
ernment may consider a com-  
promise that would permit  
hanging in examples of brutal  
or premeditated murder.

### Propriety

They include Sir Stafford  
Cripps, the Chancellor of the  
Exchequer, and Mr. Aneurin  
Bevan, the Health Minister.  
The question of the constitu-  
tional propriety of the abolition  
has been raised by Britain's  
Lord Chief Justice, Lord God-  
dard, and regarded as an adminis-  
trative interference with the  
processes of the law.

The dilemma before the Gov-  
ernment is that the Bill next ses-  
sion must be returned to the  
House of Lords and the question  
arises as to whether it should  
again be left to the House of  
Commons on a free vote to decide  
whether the abolition clause shall  
be reinserted.

Some quarters predict that,  
as the abolition majority was  
narrow, a second free vote—in  
the light of public reaction  
since the first decision was  
taken—would show a different  
result.

If the decision is reaffirm-  
ed, however, presumably the  
Government, against its official  
will, would again have to sponsor  
the abolition clause when the  
Bill returned a second time to  
the House of Lords.

### A Complication

Meanwhile, there is a con-  
tinuing complication in the pos-  
sibility of the vote of the House  
of Commons.

These murderers have been re-  
rieved and a life sentence sub-  
stituted. Yet, at this stage, no  
one can say whether in the final  
event capital punishment may  
not be restored.—Reuter.

## Hungarian Bishops' Opposition

Budapest, June 6.  
Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Pri-  
mate of Hungary, told Catholics  
today that they should stop read-  
ing newspapers of the government  
parties and listening to Hungarian  
broadcasts.

Cardinal Mindszenty, in a pas-  
toral letter read in all Roman  
Catholic churches, said:  
"To the bitter disgrace of this  
country, falsehood, deceit and  
terror were never greater in the  
course of her history."

He said the Communist domi-  
nated regime is exerting "mon-  
strous moral pressure" on the  
clergy. He said Hungarian Catholic  
Bishops are entirely united and  
that there are no negotiations between  
church and state. This presump-  
tion was in reference to govern-  
ment plans to take over church  
maintained schools.

Cardinal Mindszenty has threat-  
ened to excommunicate any Cath-  
olics who support the plan.  
Education Minister Gyula Or-  
lay announced on May 16 that  
he would not tolerate any "ter-  
rorism" by the Cardinal against  
Catholics who are ready to co-  
operate with the plan.

The Ministry of Interior an-  
nounced on Saturday night that  
800 villagers in Pecsépet, anger-  
ed over the plan, attacked the  
police station and killed one  
policeman on Thursday.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

The Ministry is stated to have  
replied that the Chamber's re-  
quests cannot be granted as food  
rationing is now in force in this  
city and control on the trans-  
portation of food has been im-  
posed throughout China.—Reuter.

## Petition Rejected

Canton, June 7.  
The Ministry of Food is re-  
ported to have turned down a peti-  
tion from the Canton City Chamber  
of Commerce for the abolition of  
the control of the transportation  
of food into Kwangtung Pro-  
vince.

The Chamber's petition was  
based on the shortage of food in  
Canton necessitating the easing  
of control and faster transporta-  
tion.

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## Spellman On China Communists

Peiping, June 7.  
Francis Cardinal Spellman  
on Sunday referred to Chin-  
ese Communists in China as  
"viciousness incarnate" and  
touched on the necessity of  
"aid to crush those who would  
crush China."

Speaking at a lunch given in  
his honour by Thomas Cardinal  
Tien, Cardinal Spellman declared  
that the people of the United  
States felt very badly about the  
civil war in China because they  
realise the "saddest of all war-  
fare is that of brother against  
brother. We do pray that light  
will come."

Cardinal Spellman said during  
the war he visited every front,  
and every army of the United States  
and during the present tour  
stopped at some "barren island in  
the Pacific where our boys fought  
for victory which they thought  
would bring peace."

Cardinal Spellman referred to  
the "greatness of Chiang Kai-shek  
and his love of his country above  
all things."

The lunch was part of a crowd-  
ed day which began when  
Cardinal Spellman offered Mass  
at North Church. Then followed  
a reception for priests and sisters  
and a visit to the famed summer  
palace.

The lunch was held at Fujen  
Catholic University by students  
who gave Cardinal Spellman an  
ovation.—Associated Press.

## Tojo Did Not Plan Suicide

Tokyo, June 7.  
Former Premier Hideki  
Tojo's attempted suicide was  
unpremeditated and was only  
to avoid being taken alive as  
a prisoner to the United States,  
it was learned reliably today.

Tojo at the end of the war  
had every intention of standing  
trial and accepting all responsi-  
bility for the war in order to  
exonerate the Emperor of any  
blame.

But when 50-American military  
police arrived at his house  
to make the arrest, Tojo inter-  
preted this as an American in-  
tention to take him alive to the  
United States, as he understood  
they would have done with Hitler  
and Mussolini had they been  
living.

Their sudden and unexpected  
appearance caused Tojo to at-  
tempt suicide.

Meanwhile, Tojo's Chief Japan-  
ese defence counsel, Mr. Ichiro  
Kiyose, reports that Tojo is  
awaiting the verdict at Sugamo  
Prison in Tokyo with "absolute  
calm."

"When I last visited him at the  
end of May, he showed no sign  
of being disturbed but carried on  
his daily routine just as he had  
been doing since his internment  
in prison more than two years  
ago," Mr. Kiyose said.—Reuter.

## GOLD WON'T DO FOR RENT

Canton, June 7.  
All rentals in Canton are to be  
paid in national currency, and  
may not be collected in terms of  
rice or any other commodities.

A directive to this effect is  
reported to have been passed on  
to the Social Affairs Bureau of  
the Canton City Government by  
the Executive Yuan in Nanking.  
The directive added that the  
Legislative Yuan is now drafting  
amendments to the Lease Regula-  
tions and these will apply  
throughout the country.

The Executive Yuan specifical-  
ly stated that rents may not be  
collected in terms of gold bars or  
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### Building Activity In Kowloon

Private enterprise has contributed greatly towards the rehabilitation of Kowloon.

Since the re-occupation, numerous new buildings (in blocks and singly) have been built on bombed areas with many more still under construction.

Looted premises, owned by individuals and real estate companies, cinema houses, restaurants, and theatres have been repaired and given a "face lifting," and are now veritable gold mines for their owners. Schools, churches and numerous Chinese temples have also been rehabilitated.

Even Government managed to find sufficient funds to put some of its dilapidated buildings (notably the old Police Training School) into habitable condition, and to repaint some of the Police Stations and the Kowloon Magistrate's Office.

Some of the Government quarters, particularly the Tsimshui Police Station building, and numerous public highways in the Yau-mat, Mong Kok and Shamshui districts, remain, however, monuments of Government's policy of procrastination.

Government has under contemplation the demolition of the Kowloon Canton Railway Station at Tsimshui and the building of a terminus, sometime next year, on a site near the Marsman Godowns off Chatham Road near the Hung Hom bridge, the "China Mail" learned from usually reliable, though unofficial, sources.

The proposed plan, it was said, envisages the reservation of part of the present station site for vehicular traffic, and

### Snatcher Gets Stiff Sentence

A year's hard labour, 12 strokes of the cane, and a recommendation for banishment, was the sentence passed on Kwan Shing (16), who pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair at Kowloon yesterday to a charge of larceny.

Sub-inspector J. S. Howarth said that at about 11.40 a.m. on June 6, PC 1287 on duty at Portland Street heard shouts of "snatching" and ran towards Nathan Road via Playing Field Road. He chased accused who had a lady's gold wristwatch in his left hand.

Caught, defendant admitted having snatched the watch from a lady.

SI Howarth informed the Court that defendant was convicted for larceny on May 26, 1947, and bound over for a year.

### Prospect Of Further Charges

On the application of Mr. C. A. Sutherland Ross, representing second accused, Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday fixed the afternoon of June 21 for hearing of charges of procuring and unlawful detention of two young girls brought against Wong Ping-mui (62) widow, Ng Ng-keon (52) widow, and Koon Wai (48) unemployed.

First accused is charged with attempting to procure the two girls, aged 14 and 12 years, to become common prostitutes, and, with the third defendant, with unlawful detention of the elder girl at an unnumbered hut at Chatham Road last month. Ng is alleged to have unlawfully detained both girls at 132 Fuk Wah Street, second floor, in May.

Det. Sub-inspector E. G. Baker, opposing bail, said that the file was still with the Attorney-General and that there was a possibility of further charges being preferred. Defendants were remanded in custody.

### MAN INJURED IN CARELESS BLASTING

The last charge was the worst to supervisor Janson son Zee (35) of 71 Lee Garden Street, second floor, for that charge earned him a fine of \$250 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to a dangerous blasting charge.

After Inspector F. Roberts had outlined the case, the Magistrate asked whether the blasting permit would be cancelled by the P.W.D. The prosecuting officer replied that the charge which resulted in a man being injured was the last and that there would be no more blasting on the site.

Defendant's firm was contractor for the South Sea Textile Manufacturing Co. engaged in developing the site at the 9-1/2 mile at Castle Peak Road, Tsau Wan.

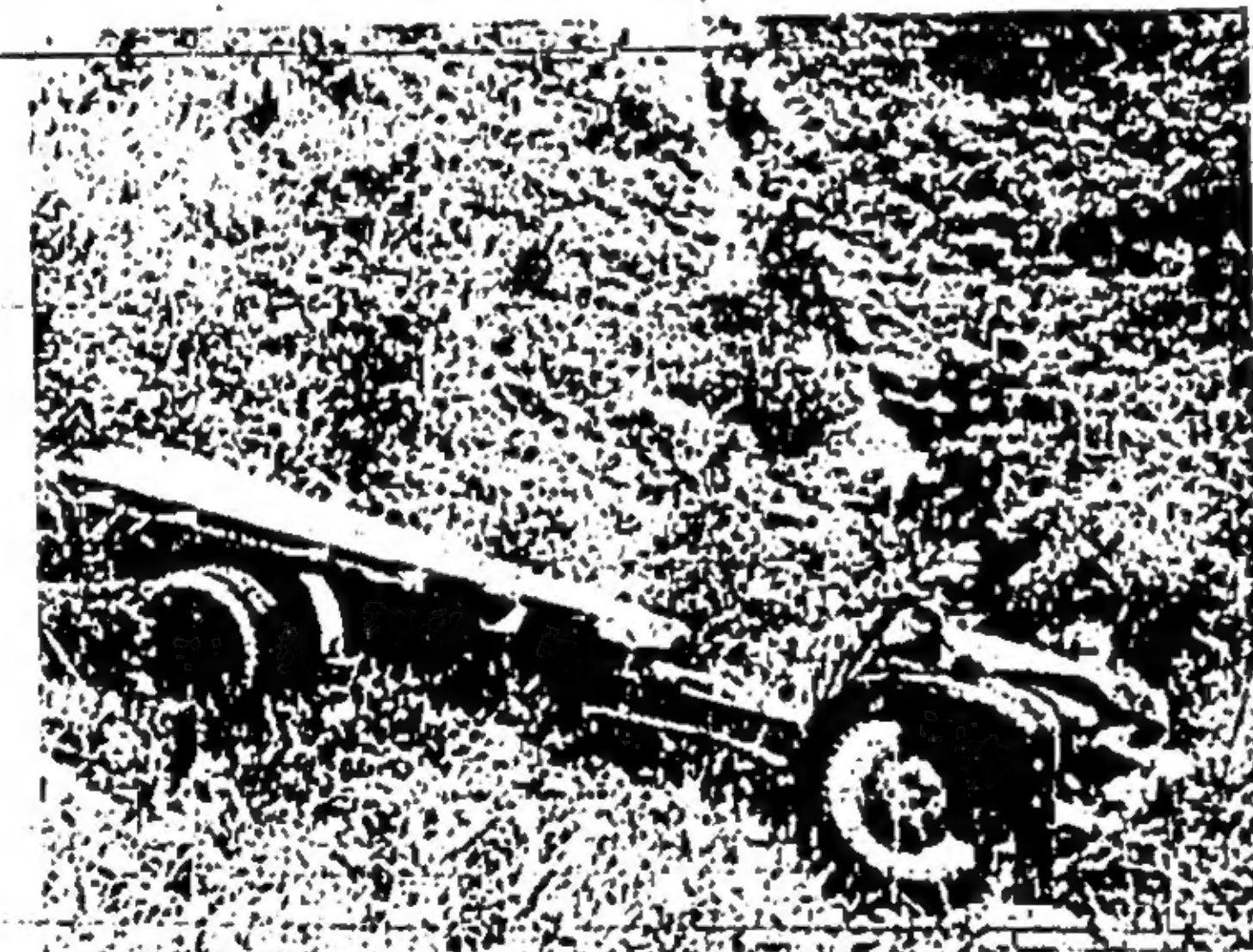
Blasting was permitted on the condition that the contractors took special care during the operations. This condition was specially noted on the permit, and defendant's attention was drawn to the endorsement. At 12.30 p.m. on June 5,

blasting operations were taking place when a piece of rock, weighing about a pound, was thrown a distance of 220 feet. Yau Chung was struck on the head by the stone which plucked his topknot.

Yau sustained injuries which, added Inspector Roberts, were not considered serious although he had been detained in Kowloon Hospital. Yau, said the prosecuting officer, was a lucky man as but for his wearing a topknot, he might have sustained "very heavy head injuries."

When defendant pleaded that he was not present at the time and that he had instructed his men to take all precautions, Inspector Roberts pointed out that accused should have been supervising the operations.

On accused promising to compensate Yau, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$250.



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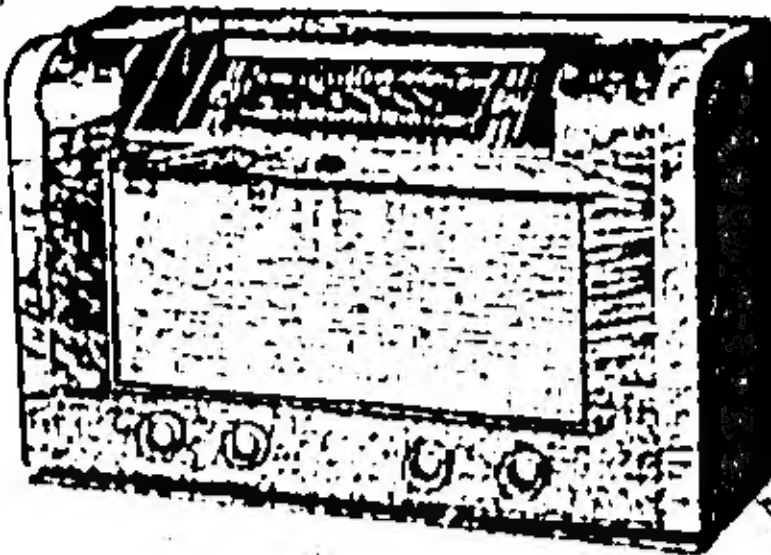
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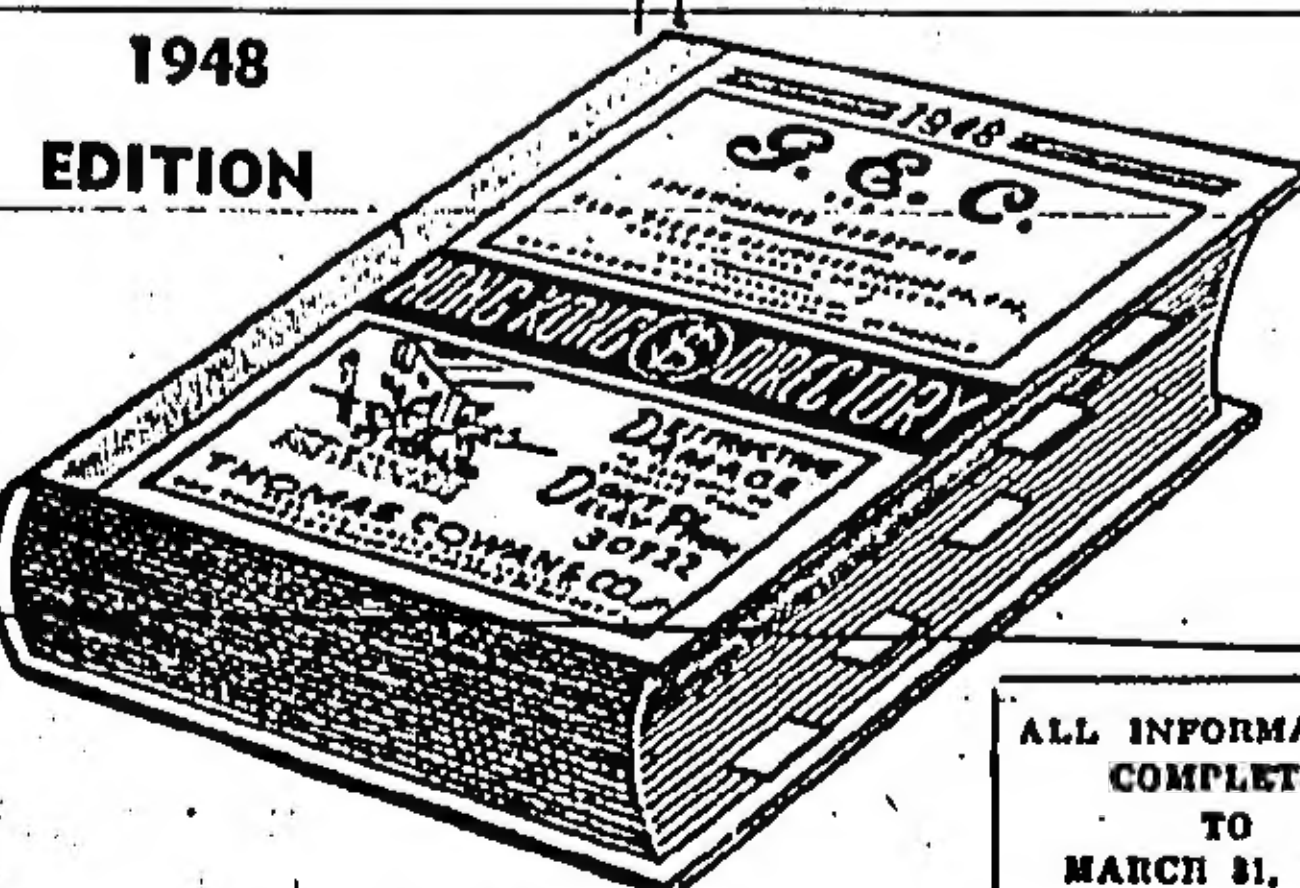
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# BRITISH SECRET SERVICE IN KIDNAPPING OF RED COLONEL: TASS GOES INTO MUCH DETAIL

Moscow, June 6.

Russia today claimed that a Soviet colonel, stated by Britain to have sought political asylum in England, had been kidnapped from Germany. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said that Colonel J. D. Tassoyev was taken by British intelligence agents from a house in Bremen, flown to Britain in Field Marshal Lord Montgomery's personal plane, held in a London flat from which he escaped and was recaptured, and eventually was returned to Germany.

The British Foreign Office today denied the Tass story. A spokesman of the Foreign Office said that Colonel Tassoyev had been brought to Britain as a "political refugee" after he had asked for asylum. He was returned to Berlin at his own wish, he added. A Tass allegation that Colonel Tassoyev was beaten up was also denied by the Foreign Office.

They described it as highly improbable that the British Government would have returned him to a place where he could make a statement on the alleged brutality had it been true.

This is the Tass version of the story. On April 23, Mr. C. B. Clem, the American director of the Bremen port, invited Colonel Tassoyev to his home for supper. After supper, the Russian, with several other guests, was invited to a car ride.

Two individuals, sitting beside the Russian colonel, unexpectedly bound his hands, took him to the British Zone and held him there till daylight.

At dawn, they pulled Tassoyev aboard an aeroplane and took him to London. They kept trying to persuade him that he would be better off than in the Soviet Union.

In London, Colonel Tassoyev was taken to a flat which was a rendezvous of the British Intelligence Service.

## "Persuasion"

Russian speaking intelligence agents, Tass added, tried to persuade the Russian officer to remain in London and fight the Soviet Government. They, it was alleged, then "resorted to threats, blackmail and violence" in an attempt to "extract from Tassoyev some kind of document in order to justify the unprecedented violence committed against him and in some way to extricate themselves from a scandalous affair."

On May 6, Tass continued, Colonel Tassoyev escaped and entered the grounds of the Olympia Exhibition and, in the presence of a large crowd, began to shout that he was a Soviet Lieutenant-Colonel kidnapped by the Anglo-Americans in Bremen and asked to be put in touch with the Soviet Embassy in London.

A policeman took him to a police station, where he was kept for two weeks. Colonel Tassoyev was "repeatedly beaten up" when he still refused to sign a statement, the Russian agency said.

## "Scandal Brewing"

Tass concluded: "A scandal was brewing and to avoid it the British authorities, on realising that the provocation they had conceived had failed, saw themselves compelled to bring Tassoyev back to Germany and turn him over to the Soviet authorities here."

Official British statements early last month said that Colonel Tassoyev had asked for British asylum after being ordered to return to Russia.

At that time he was in charge of the Russian repatriation mission at Bremen.

## London Denial

Official London sources denied today all knowledge of the alleged kidnapping of a Russian officer, Colonel J. D. Tassoyev.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, stated that the Russian had been kidnapped in Bremen, flown to England, held in a London flat and subsequently returned to Germany.

The Foreign Office said today that the Tass story was untrue. Colonel Tassoyev, it added, had come to Britain voluntarily as a political refugee.

Scotland Yard refused to comment on the Tass allegation that Colonel Tassoyev had been held at a London police station after an abortive escape attempt.

Reuters learned today that a tenant named Wiggins (the name given by Tass as the landlady of a flat where the colonel was kept a prisoner) had in fact stayed at the address given. She had moved recently.

At the nearby Olympia Exhibition Hall, where the colonel was stated to have been recaptured, several workers said they had heard about such an incident but would not vouch for its authenticity.—Reuters.

## Marshall Aid Cuts

## BIG BID TO STOP THE ROT LIKELY

The United States Administration and Senate leaders today opened desperate last-minute fights to wipe out in the Senate the reductions amounting to more than \$1,000 million made by the House of Representatives in the Marshall Plan.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Economic Cooperation Administration Administrator, will appeal to the Senate Appropriations Committee in open hearings for a 100 per cent restoration of the cuts.

They argue these cuts would reduce the reconstruction programme to a mere relief programme, would shatter the European nations' confidence in the consistency of American foreign policy, and play into the hands of anti-American Communist propaganda throughout the world.

Senator Vandenberg, who piloted the Marshall Plan through the Senate this spring, is expected to urge Republican Party leaders of both Houses that it would be folly for the Republican Party to make the Marshall Plan an issue in next November's Presidential elections and place the Republican Party in the position of seeming to throw Europe to the Communist wolves because of a cheese-paring and isolationist attitude towards dollar expenditure.

According to the best informed political opinion, it is certain that the Senate will restore some of the cuts made by the House of Representatives, probably that the restoration will be substantial, and possibly that they will

## WARSAW "PINKS" CONFERENCE

The two-day Conference of 25 Leftwing Socialists from several European countries in the secluded Wilanowa Palace outside Warsaw ended tonight with a reception to the delegates by the Polish Premier, Mr. Joseph Cyrankiewicz.

The nations included Czechoslovakia, represented by the Minister of Industry, Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, France, Hungary and Italy.

Britain was not represented. No statements have been issued about the talks, but an announcement is expected tomorrow.—Reuters.

## SOLEMN RITUAL

Shanghai, June 7. British and Dominion representatives were among a large congregation present when the ashes of 57 Britons who died during their Japanese internment were solemnly placed in the crypt of the Holy Trinity Cathedral yesterday.—Reuters.

## Nicosia Jews On Strike

Nicosia, June 6. Some 24,000 Jews interned in camps here declared a 24-hour strike starting at midnight tonight, protesting against the British ban on immigration of able-bodied men to Palestine.

They have cabled Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, "warning against the consequences of the ban."—Reuters.

## Uncle Joe's Benevolence

Moscow, June 6. All the Soviet papers today published prominently requests by the Hungarian and Rumanian Governments for a reduction in their reparations debt to the Soviet Union.

These requests followed immediately on the heels of a Soviet answer to a similar Finnish request reducing Finland's reparations debt to Russia by 50 per cent with the resulting savings to Finland of \$70,000,000.

Moscow observers consider it is extremely probable that following the Soviet concession to Finland, both Rumania and Hungary will get substantial concessions.—Associated Press.

Several workers said they had heard about such an incident but would not vouch for its authenticity.—Reuters.

## Cinema Pioneer Passes

Paris, June 6. M. Louis Lumiere, pioneer in the French cinema industry, died today in Bandol, in the Var Department, southern France, after having been ill for several years.

M. Lumiere, who was 85, heard a Paris audience shriek and run for the exit 50 years ago when he showed them his first film of a train steaming into a country station.

He was born in October 20, 1862, the son of a sign painter, who was struggling to make a living out of the then art of photography. He lived to see his newest invention—three dimensional films—shown on public screens to audiences wearing specially coloured glasses but died before the two-dimensional ones were replaced.

Working always with his brother, Auguste, he was one of the first exponents of films instead of plates for cameras and in 1888 invented a camera to take a circular panorama.—Reuters.

## REPRESENTATION DENIAL

Jogjakarta, June 6. Indonesian Republican Government circles here today denied a report that the Republic was prepared to join the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far-East at Ootacamund, southeast India, under Dutch auspices, the Republican news agency, Antara, reported.

The Republican Government adhered to its demand for direct representation on the Commission as an associate member, it was stated.

The Republican delegation to the Commission was serving Republican interests but was also prepared to cooperate with other Indonesian representatives to defend the interests such as the economy of Indonesia in general.—Reuters.

## KWANGTUNG EXPORTS INCREASE

Canton, June 7. Kwangtung's export trade is gradually reviving, according to statistics issued by the Canton Commodity Bureau.

The Bureau's April statistics show increases in exports of cassia, tobacco, tung oil and beans.

The largest export increases were for cassia leaves, which, at 4,450 quintals, was tenfold those of April.

Exports of eggs and bristles showed a decline.—Reuters.

## NOT APPROVED

Manila, June 6. The United States policy to rebuild Japan was assailed today in a press statement by Senator Mariano P. Burgos, Secretary-General of the Philippine Communist Party.

He said the President of the Republic, Senor Quirino, should define the Republic's policy on the American plan.—Reuters.

## ATOM PLANT

New York, June 6. The United States Atomic Energy Commission has decided to build a two million dollar machine to produce 12 million volts for nuclear research.

The device is known as an electrostatic accelerator and is expected to be the largest and most powerful of its type.—Reuters.

## LEIGHTON STUART'S TIMELY WARNING

New York, June 6. In an editorial today, the Herald Tribune said: "Ambassador Leighton Stuart's warning that demonstrations by Chinese students against policies of the United States in Japan might have unfortunate results was a sensible and timely statement."

"It is known the Ambassador has real sympathy for college students in China and it seems safe to presume he feels as strongly as many others do about the mistreatment they received from Kuomintang officials, but the anti-American trend their agitation has been taking recently can be no benefit to them or to their country."

"Its major results are to damage Sino-American relations and to aid the cause of the Chinese Reds."

"There is the further point that few observers, except the Communists, find any reason for bitter attacks on basic American policies in Japan."

"The directives given General MacArthur by Washington, de-

signed to set the Japanese on the road to democratic government, were almost universally praised by believers in democracy."

"There is no question that the General has followed them with firm faith in their validity—indeed, almost mystical faith—and that whatever errors he has made have been administrative in character."

"It should be emphasized, too, that current controversies among American officials over the programme for Japan concern questions of degree rather than real changes in policy...they are questions that should be decided on a basis of careful economic surveys and do not justify emotional agitation in China or elsewhere."—United Press.



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# FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS

## Agreement On Germany Stirs Opposition

### BRITISH MINISTERS IN PARIS

London, June 6.

The National Insurance Minister, Mr. James Griffiths, the Chairman of the Labour Party, who arrived in Paris from London tonight, and the General Secretary of the Labour Party, Mr. Morgan Phillips, will have talks with French Socialists on the Germany crisis threatening the French Government, informed quarters here suggested tonight.

Mr. Griffiths next Friday will sign an agreement with France on reciprocity in social insurance plans, but, meanwhile, the French Government faces the probability of a Parliamentary revolt over the six-power London agreement on Germany which, according to some reports here, challenges its existence.

Mr. Phillips, who was reported to have been recalled to London from the International Socialist Conference at Vienna following telegrams from the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said in Paris tonight that he was going to discuss purely party business with the Chairman, Mr. Griffiths, and that he had come to France to sign the reciprocal social insurance treaty.

Mr. Phillips is due on Tuesday in London, where Labour, in and outside the Government, faces a first class dilemma over the national reaction to the proposed abolition of the death penalty.

The Labour Party, however, is closely concerned with the reaction of French Socialists to the London six-power agreement and in particular with their anxiety to safeguard the principle of the internationalisation of the Ruhr industries.

#### Early Exchanges

The voting on the International Socialist Conference's first amended text of the resolution on the Ruhr was postponed until Monday and the resolution sent for further revision following the French position headed by M. Salomon Lauch, in the absence of M. Andre Philip, who was recalled to Paris yesterday to report to the Executive of his party.

The return of M. Philip coincided with the presence of Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Morgan Phillips.

## De Gaullists Join The Left Wingers

Paris, June 6.

De Gaullists today joined the French Left Wing groups in launching a frontal attack against the ratification of the London six-power agreement on Germany's economic future.

The Conference recommendations will be published simultaneously tomorrow in the capitals of the six participating countries (Britain, the United States, France, and the three Benelux nations).

The proposals are authoritatively understood to be:

1. The creation of a German Constituent Assembly.

2. A currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

#### RUN THAT LONG SUIT

ALL of the top-ranking players consider the possibility of running some long suit as a means of discarding losers, instead of adopting a ruffing procedure, when they happen to be in a trump contract. In the great rank and file of average players, however, a majority seem to enjoy ruffing losers with small trumps so much so that they show a preference for that type of play on many occasions when the contrary is sounder.

S. K 8 7 5 3 2  
H. 6  
D. 10  
C. J 9 8 5

S. A 4  
H. K 10  
D. A J 9  
C. K 10 6 3

S. None  
H. A J 8 5  
D. K 7 6 3  
C. A Q 7 4 2

(Dealer: South, North - South vulnerable.)

South West North East  
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2 H 3 D 4 C 2 Pass  
5 C Dbl

That contract was reached at a sizeable proportion of the tables in a social duplicate, but only one-declarer, Cyrus B. Austin, of New York's University Club, made it. The reason the others failed was their liking for the technique of ruffing.

Let's take what happened at two tables where the spade A

was led, the club 2 of course trumping it. In one instance South noted the two red singletons in the dummy and departed on a cross-ruff. It takes little imagination to see that this proves ineffective, as it will cause the loss of two trump tricks to West plus one to the diamond A.

Mr. Austin noted that he had an ideal situation for dummy reversal play, setting up the spades. So after ruffing the spade A, he reckoned that West would not have led that dummy's suit unless he had either great length and hoped to give his partner a ruff or else shortage and expected to ruff himself. To test the situation, he laid down the club A, whereupon East's discard of a heart told him the story.

Next he led the club Q to the 10, watched West score the diamond A, took the returned diamond with the K, then led the club 2 to take the marked finesse with the 9. To establish the spades, he led the 3 and trumped with the club 7. Now the club 4 to the J cleared trumps and he had nothing to do but run the dummy's spades to the end, where he scored the heart A.

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## Kidnapping Attempt

Paris, June 6.

M. Gaston Palewski, General de Gaulle's right-hand man, was nearly kidnapped last night, he told journalists at a Gaullist meeting at Narbonne today. He said the attempt was made during a scuffle between Gaullists and Communists at a Perpignan meeting yesterday.

The meeting was cancelled following police intervention, and local Gaullist leaders protested to the Town Council.

—Reuter.

## VIENNA SOCIALIST RALLY

Vienna, June 6.

Crowds lined the road from Vienna today when delegates attending the Socialist International went to a demonstration at Hainfeld, 60 kilometres west of Vienna, where the Austrian Socialist Movement was founded 10 years ago.

Among those present were Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian President, and Dr. Adolph Schauer, Vice-Chancellor.

Speakers were made asking visiting Socialists to work for an early end to the occupation and for the freedom of Austria from foreign domination.

—Reuter.

## New Advance In Iron Industry

Liverpool, June 6.

A new type of cast iron, claimed to be the most important advance in its field in this century, has been produced in Britain.

Mr. J. G. Pearce, director of the Cast Iron Research Association, which is supported by the iron and steel industry in this country and by the Government, disclosed this today on his return from the Philadelphia Congress of Foundry with Mr. Henton Morrough, the Association's research engineer.

"The Americans were surprised at the progress we have made in its development," Mr. Morrough said.

"While it will not be cheaper to manufacture, it can be turned out with modifications to existing plants in 2,000 factories in this country."

Called modulus graphite, it is said to be less brittle, more durable, lighter and more efficient than cast iron.

It has been used experimentally for 18 months and a great future is predicted for it.

—Reuter.

## No Politics On Sundays

Aboard Truman Train, June 6.

President Truman today halted his campaign to worship with his family at Kearney, Nebraska.

The President was joined by Mrs. Truman and his daughter, Margaret, when the 10-car Presidential train left Omaha this morning. They rode through the heart of the nation's grain belt toward Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they will be given a brief reception in the mansion of the Governor, Lester Hunt.

At Kearney, the Presidential Party left the train to attend services at the red brick Baptist Church. The party later stopped for 20 minutes at North Platte, Nebraska, and the President greeted 4,000 persons at the station. He said he did not care to talk politics on Sunday. The crowd wanted a song from Margaret but she demurred.

—United Press.

## Conscience Pricks—At Last

London, June 6.

A deserter, Walter Campbell, today finally gave himself up to the Army.

But he probably won't be punished though he was on the long list of those who missed the Boer War and the two World Wars.

He got tired of Army life in 1898 after five years of service.

Major H.A.K. McConigal said that the 60-year-old man came to Victoria Barracks and said "I want to give myself up. Knock me in the head and shove me into the guardroom."

Instead Major McConigal said that Britain will probably grant him an amnesty and give him a pension.

—United Press.

#### STRAUSS CLEAR

Munich, June 6.

Richard Strauss, the German born Austrian composer, who will be 84 on Friday, has been cleared by a denazification court at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the German news agency DPD reported tonight.

The court's decision that he was "not implicated" was being telegraphed by his legal representatives to him at his home at Montreux, Switzerland.

—Reuter.

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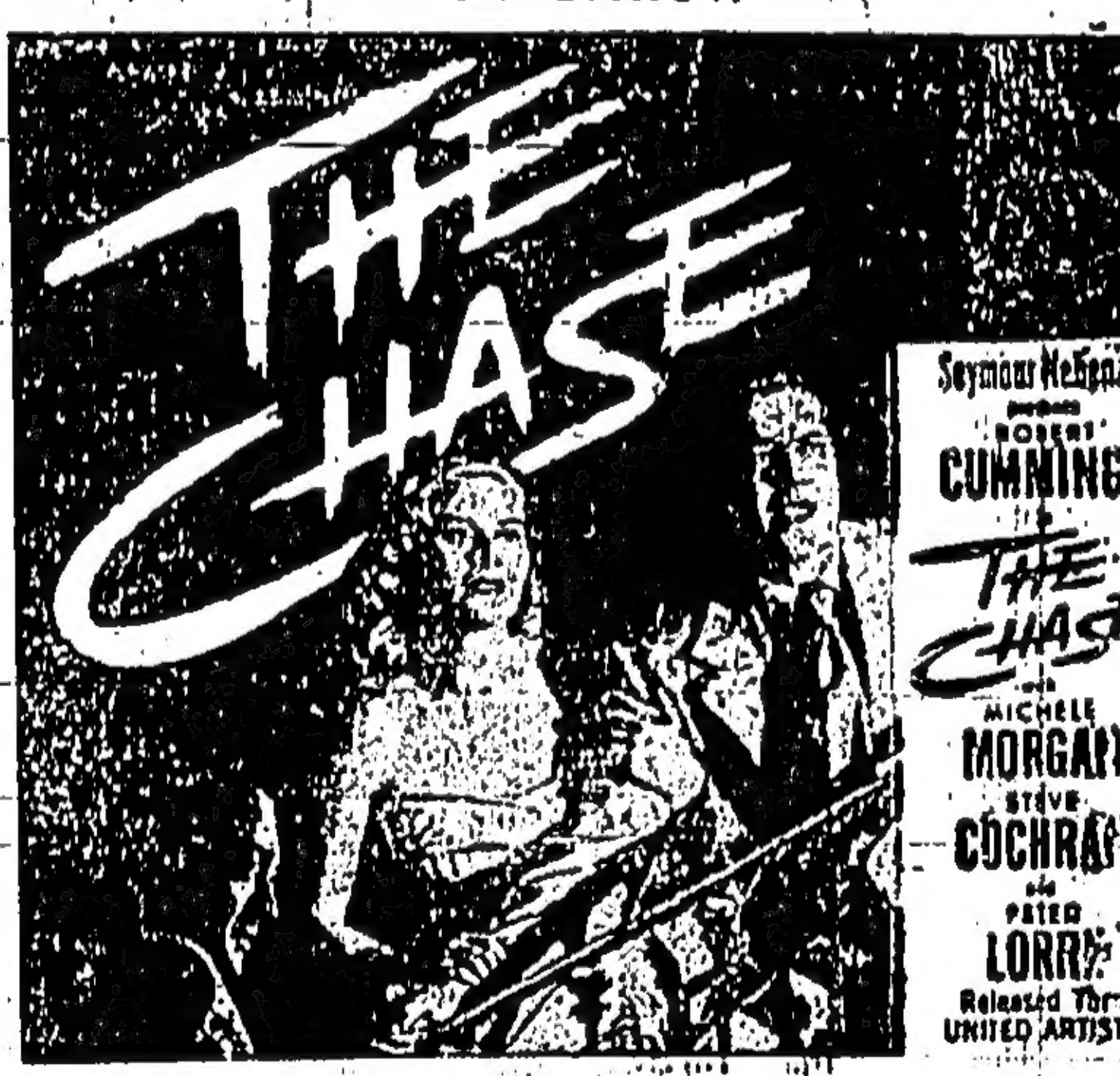
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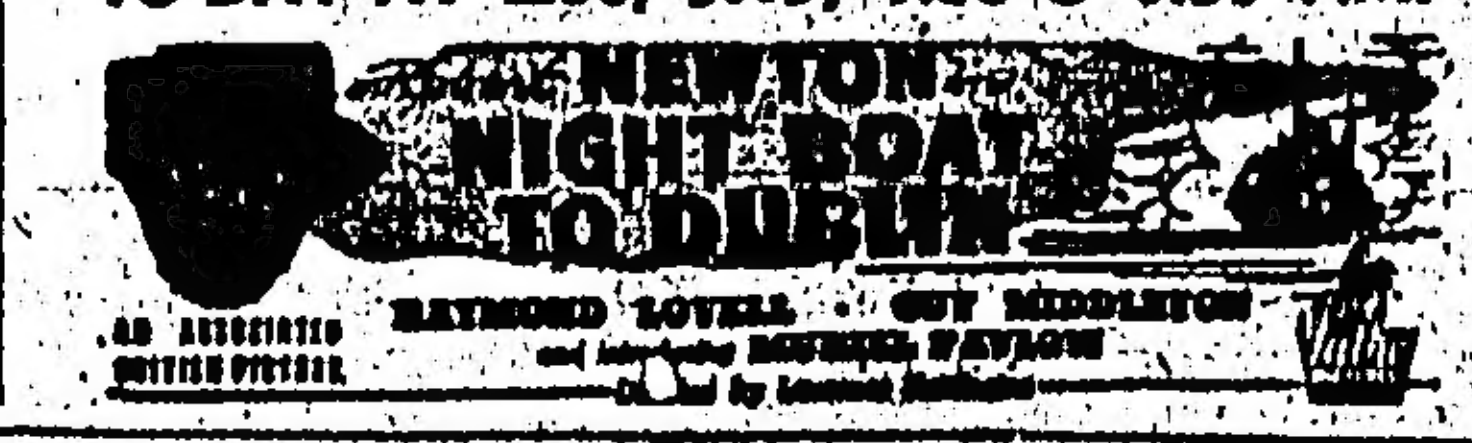


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### PERSONAL

Carson Ho wishes to express his sincere thanks to the four Chinese gentlemen and two Europeans who came to his help when he got into difficulties while swimming at Shek-O on Sunday afternoon.

### THE ECONOMIC STATE OF BRITAIN

In the absorption of doing the task which must be done it is often too easy to overlook achievements which have been accomplished. This appears to be so today in Britain where the emphasis must necessarily be on work still uncompleted. Fortunately, a healthy reminder of the progress made since the war has been provided in a survey by a United Nations body, the Economic Commission for Europe. A calculation of the Commission suggests that in the third quarter of 1947 British industrial production was nine per cent. above 1938, compared with the average of one per cent. below 1938 for 14 European countries, excluding Germany but including the United Kingdom. The position today is very much better than this. The new interim index of British industrial production, which takes the year 1946 as its base gave the average of 110 for the third quarter of last year. As the provisional figure for February, 1948, is 124 there was an expansion in the five months of something like 12 per cent.

Great efforts in new construction and re-equipment have also been made. Building of permanent houses has climbed to over 20,000 dwellings a month. In addition to essential public buildings, such as schools, as many as 700 new factories have been completed in Britain since the war and another 1,350 new factories are now being built with a total value of no less than £140,000,000. Many of the new factories, moreover, are situated in development areas, those parts of the country which were so woefully and disastrously short of work between the wars.

A natural question in the face of these facts is: Why is the British adverse balance on the overseas account so burdensomely high? One part of the answer is the huge drop in income from invisible exports such as investments, shipping and other services, and the increase in outgoings, such as Government expenditure abroad. A serious part of the answer is however the steady and harmful deterioration in the terms of trade, which makes it necessary for Britain to export an increasing volume of her goods to pay for the same quantity of imports. Whereas in December, 1945, import and export prices were about level at just under twice the 1938 average, by December, 1946, imports were costing 223 but exports were realising only 210. By March, 1948, the gap was even wider with import prices having risen in the 15 months by 24 per cent. to 277 and export prices by only 18 per cent. to 248.

Because Britain has had considerable success in controlling inflation, with its beneficial effect on the cost of her exports, she has felt the deterioration in the terms of trading more than many sent.

**RICHARD LONG**, who recently spent more than a year in the region, discusses the future of the great waterway still vital to Britain's overseas defence and trade.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW TO SUEZ CANAL?

A few days ago troops of the Black Watch were watching the low banks of the Suez Canal slide past from the deck of the troopship *Empire Halladale*. They formed part of the last contingent of soldiers to return to Britain from India, where their regiment had served continuously for twenty years.

As the liner crawled slowly along the hundred miles which separate Suez from Port Said, many men on board must have been wondering about the future of this watery link between West and East.

us, in an attempt to force us to agree to her demands on the Sudan. This is even more unlikely.

King Farouk and his turbulent ministers have made daily claims to have modernised and rejuvenated Egypt, but they know full well that beneath the glitter of the present regime in Cairo lies a sorry tale of corruption and inefficiency. Civil servants who cannot even be trusted to run their own ministries would never be able to control so complex and highly-organised a business as the Suez Canal.

a firm footing in Palestine; they would move southwards towards Egypt—and the Canal.

### Soviet

Favourable references to Russia have appeared recently in the Egyptian Press because the Soviet Union supported the Arab cause in the U.N.O. Partition debates. But it is well known that the Egyptian Government is terrified of a possible infiltration of Communists into the country. If Russia moved into Jerusalem, Egypt would come down heavily on the side of the Western Powers.

So the Suez Canal remains a vital factor—a sort of inflamed appendix in the body of world affairs.

The only country which can "nurse" the appendix is Great Britain.

### In Position

If the Canal is to be defended against attack from outside, British troops and aircraft are already in position. The same applies to any attempt at interference by Egypt.

If British—or American—ships need to steam swiftly to the aid of precious oil-installations east of Suez, British arms are equally ready to protect the international waterway through which they must pass.

And if neither of these things happens, the fact that the land on either side of the Canal is in a British sphere of influence will have a restraining effect on those who plot to influence the "appendix" to bursting-point.

## DECLINE IN INFANT MORTALITY

The population of England and Wales has increased from 16,000,000 to 43,000,000 in the last 100 years. One of the main reasons for this increase has been the remarkable decline in infant mortality. A century ago, for every 1,000 babies born 153 failed to survive the first year. Last year the infant mortality rate reached the all-time low record of 41 per 1,000.

Another reason for the increase in population has been the steadily improving rate of survival. Today expectation of life for men is 59 and for women 65 years. One hundred years ago it was 40 and 42 respectively.

There are some of the facts which emerge from a study of population trends in Britain. How the statistics are collected and how they can be used to the benefit of the community as a whole are described in "Matters of Life and Death," a small booklet just published by the General Register Office.

### National System

In 1836 a national system of registration of births, marriages and deaths was introduced and shortly afterwards the first nationwide census of the population was taken. From that date until today the General Register Office has kept records which give an accurate picture of the state of Britain's population throughout the years.

Information published in the Registrar General's quarterly returns throws light on many aspects of the life and health of the people. It shows that they can expect to live longer, marry later and enjoy better health

## Homes Wanted For One Million

There are believed to be approximately 1,000,000 refugees coming within the mandate of the International Refugee Organisation. Nearly two-thirds of these are maintained in Assembly centres, and although repatriation is still continuing it is clear that an overwhelming majority of the refugees are unwilling to return home.

These facts are given in an official British report published recently. Pointing out that over 7,000,000 displaced persons have been repatriated by UNRRA, the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organisation and the military authorities from the Western zones of Germany and Austria since the end of the war, the report adds that if "the numbers who made their own way home or were repatriated from other areas are included the total may be as high as 10,000,000."

Referring to the budget of the Preparatory Commission of the I. R. O. the report says, "Although it can be assumed that just over 75 per cent. of the authorised budget of the Preparatory Commission for 1948-49 will be subscribed this is likely to prove insufficient to enable the Organisation to carry out resettlement."

The report further points out that lack of funds is by no means the only obstacle in the way of an early solution of the refugee problem.

The report continues, "The General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution of November 17, 1947, appealed to all member Governments to co-operate with the Preparatory Commission and to take a fair share of non-repatriable refugees. British representatives abroad have been instructed to take every opportunity to urge

other countries to follow our example by joining the International Refugee Organisation and admitting refugees.

The following countries have ratified the constitution of the International Refugee Organisation and are making contributions in proportions laid down by the General Assembly of the United Nations: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, the Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Iceland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom, the U.S.A. (in all, 14 ratifications. Fifteen ratifications are necessary for the I. R. O. to come into being). "The operational budget for 1948-49 is for some \$150,000,000 and the total likely to be subscribed by the States named is about \$120,000,000 or 75 per cent. of the whole. The shortfall corresponds to the proportion of United Nations members who have not ratified the constitution," the report ends.

## Ecuadorian Elections

Quito, June 6. Ecuadorians will vote today in a presidential election for the first time since 1940 after a series of revolutions which gave them five different chief executives. The candidates are:

Galán Fianza Lasso, 42-year-old, United States educated, former Ambassador to the United States. He is supported by the National Democratic Civil Movement.

General Alberto Enriquez Gallo, 52. He was the nation's head in 1937 and 1938 and is backed by a coalition of Liberals and Socialists.

Dr Manuel Eladio Flor Torres, 54-year-old—Conservative Democrat.

The winner will succeed Carlos Julio Arosemena, who was elected by the Ecuadorian Congress in September 1947. — Associated Press.

## MacArthur For President

Washington, June 6. MacArthur for President boosters said today that "many tons of petitions" urging Gen. MacArthur as the Republican Presidential nominee will reach Philadelphia before the Republican National Convention opens on June 21.

National MacArthur for President clubs issued a statement saying that the petitions will be presented to the H. C. Speaker, Mr. Joseph Martin, convention chairman, when MacArthur is nominated.

The statement said that the MacArthur headquarters has been opened in Philadelphia at the Adelphi Hotel by the National Coordinator, Warren Wright, and Wright reported the receipt of 1,161 letters urging the General's nomination. — United Press.

### JOB TURNED DOWN

Paris, June 6. The French News Agency reports from Indochina that Nguyen Huu Tri, named Minister of the Interior by decree of the new French-sponsored Central Viet Nam Government, has refused to take the post for reasons of health.

The key Ministry will go to Lieut.-General Xuan, already Premier and Minister of National Defence. — Associated Press.

## PRINCESS ELIZABETH INSPECTS GUARDS

Tens of thousands of Londoners braved grey skies and a drizzle today to cheer Princess Elizabeth in what will be one of her last public engagements before the birth of her baby, expected in mid-October.

Princess Elizabeth looked pale as she bowed slightly from the rear seat of a black Rolls-Royce to the cheering crowds that lined the route from Buckingham Palace to the grim grey buildings of Wellington Barracks Birdcage Walk.

The Princess attended a ceremony of remembrance for the "Old Comrades" of the Grenadier Guards. She is an honorary Colonel of the Guards. A slight figure in a trim dove-grey coat, Princess Elizabeth

stood on a wooden platform in front of the iron fence which surrounds Buckingham Palace, as 2,000 past-and-present members of the Guards filed by.

As her huge black car appeared, a surge of excitement swept through the crowds. The Princess walked 100 yards from the limousine to the platform, while the crowd pressed against the 10-foot-high iron railing to watch. — United Press.

## Mustard Cools The Ardour

Palisades, N.Y., June 6. A jar of mustard today overcame the political differences between two rival picnic groups.

No sooner had 100 members of the Draft MacArthur Club spread for lunches than about 200 supporters of Harold Stassen, carrying banners, arrived with baskets at a nearby picnic grove.

When the Stassen group ran out of mustard for hot dogs, they borrowed a jar from the MacArthur boosters. Within half an hour the groups merged and ate together. Later they stacked their respective picnics and together paired off for a ride on a roller coaster. — United Press.

other countries. But the fact that her exports are competitive remains the most powerful argument against the rumours which circulate from time to time as to whether Britain will devalue Sterling. It is one of the last things she wants at present.

### CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



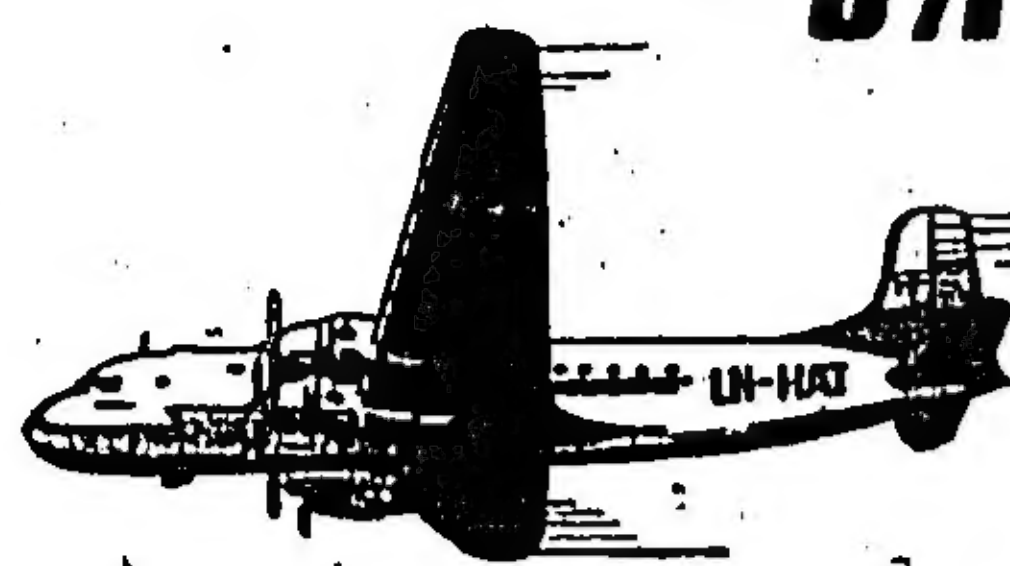
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# TRUCE ON THURSDAY, PERHAPS

## Count Bernadotte Confers With Jews And Arabs

### Immigration Still The Principal Obstacle

London, June 6.  
Date for a truce in Palestine has now been fixed provisionally for Thursday, June 10, it was reliably reported from Amman, Transjordan's capital, tonight.

In the meantime, the Arab League in Cairo announced that Saudi-Arabian troops are fighting in Palestine for the first time. The League said that an unstated number with armoured cars and tanks and artillery were fighting with Egyptian forces.

Disclosure of a tentative truce date followed a two and a half hour flying visit by Count Folke Bernadotte to the Transjordan capital, where he conferred with King Abdullah and the Foreign Minister.

Extension of the truce date from noon tomorrow, which had earlier been decided to enable Count Bernadotte to obtain clarification of some of the conditions without which it is expected the Arabs would be unlikely to agree to a truce, has thus been effected.

The United Nations mediator, meanwhile, had flown from Beirut, in the Lebanon, to Haifa, for a conference with Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel, on the immigration issue which, according to Count Bernadotte, is the only factor obstructing a truce agreement between Jews and Arabs.

"Yes" Or "No"  
At the end of a 90-minute talk with the Count, Mr. Shertok told the press at Haifa: "We are now awaiting the Count's final summing up of his various negotiations. The Count will probably make communications with both parties which will probably require a straight 'Yes' or 'No'."

Mr. Shertok said the Count's interpretation of the immigration question during the proposed four-week truce was among the points discussed at Haifa. He declined, however, to indicate the Count's views. The Foreign Minister said there had still not been any question of deciding the date of the proposed cease-fire.

Harold Evans, the UN appointed commissioner for Jerusalem, said the present plan calls for a simultaneous date for the cease fire and the truce to begin. He added that the date had not yet been agreed upon.

**Tel-Aviv Fighting**  
The attention of both Arabs and Jews was focused on the fighting on Tel Aviv's approaches. The Jews claimed to have a fifth of the entire Egyptian force of some 5,000 men trapped at Isdud, 23 miles south of Tel Aviv. Israeli infantry pressed forward on the Isdud area today and destroyed a number of Egyptian fortified positions, the Jewish High Command said.

The Egyptians gave no hint that their troops were in trouble there. Instead they told of widespread reconnaissance operations by Egyptian planes and mobile forces on the southern approaches of Tel Aviv. Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt, told newsmen that Arab armies in northern Palestine had "launched a successful offensive and scored an outstanding victory."

He gave no details of a source close to Nokrashy Pasha said Egyptian artillery had shelled the Jewish occupied new city of Jerusalem.

**Jewish Claims**  
Israeli troops forged a half circle around Arab concentrations on the northeastern approaches of Tel Aviv and drove within three and a half miles of strategic Tulkarem, Jewish leaders said.

Israeli planes hammered at Tulkarem itself. The Jewish bulletin said large fires were touched off in an Arab military camp in the city, which is the western anchor of the Arabs' Tulkarem-Jenin-Nablus triangle.

According to Jewish accounts this was the second major threat to Tel Aviv which the Jewish forces have blunted in the last two days. The first one—a drive by Egyptian forces up the Palestine coast—was thrown back at Yibna, 14 miles south of Israel's capital.

King Abdullah's Legionnaires hurled 100 shells today into Jewish-held districts of modern Jerusalem after Israeli infantry made another unsuccessful attempt to storm the old city's Zion Gate.

The Jewish attack was abandoned after three hours of close quarter fighting failed to dislodge the Legionnaires from their machinegun posts in the thick walls of the Old City.

**Non-Committal**  
Count Bernadotte, the UN mediator in Palestine, was grim-faced and non-committal following his talks with King Abdullah and Transjordan's Foreign Minister, Fawzi Pasha Malki, in Amman.

Ralph Bunche, of the UN Secretariat, indicated the negotiations were not going well when he told newsmen:

"We still have hope." A neutral source in Amman said the target date for getting the truce operative had been moved back until Thursday. Count Bernadotte's party left tonight for Cairo.—Reuter and Associated Press.

### Little Optimism At Lake Success

Lake Success, June 6.  
The Security Council, buoyed by Count Bernadotte's message that he hoped to "settle very quickly" the date for a Palestine cease-fire, tonight anxiously awaited concrete confirmation from the United Nations mediator.

A member of the Council Secretariat said word was expected at any moment from Count Bernadotte, who has been given a free hand by the Council to make his own interpretations of the ambiguously-worded and controversial immigration sections of the cease-fire resolution.

Council members, dismayed by the months of futile negotiations and many "false alarm" cease-fire resolutions, refused to become optimistic.

Israeli spokesmen, awaiting private reports on the meeting between Dr. Moshe Shertok and Count Bernadotte, reiterated the belief that there would be no truce if the Israeli immigration "rights" were seriously impaired.

One Israeli representative opined that the vicious fighting now raging around the Arab stronghold of Jenin would have great bearing on prospects of a truce.

"If Jenin falls, the Arab desire for peace will be much stronger," he said. Council delegates were more reluctant to comment, but privately said they could not see how the mediator could resolve the immigration issue, on which the Arab and Israeli spokesmen had disagreed so vehemently in Council sessions.—United Press.

## GRENADE WOUNDS CORRESPONDENTS

Jerusalem, June 6.  
Thirty Arab women refugees and five old men picked their way through the rubble of Jaffa Road today with correspondents bringing up the rear pushing a woman of 90 in a wheelbarrow.

## SHANGHAI EXPLOSION DISASTER

Shanghai, June 7.  
Six out of 50 severely injured persons in Saturday's match godown fire and explosion had died in hospital up to last night, and nine corpses hitherto uncovered from the debris by firemen were identified, it was learned this morning.

This brings the death toll to 16. A total of 41 shops or firms suffered damage.

Fire brigade officers yesterday spent considerable time studying the cause of the blaze and disclosed that contrary to current reports, the chemical which caused the fire was not sulphur stored in the warehouse, but leaking potassium chlorate.

The firemen believed the chlorate, which is subject to friction with other substances such as sulphur, exploded when it came in contact with sulphur and celluloid films, 100 reels of which were contained in the 20 drums which were being loaded into the warehouse at the time the fire broke out.—Reuter.

## GREEK OLIVE BRANCH

London, June 6.  
The Greek guerrillas' offer is neither "a bluff nor a sign of weakness," the guerrilla radio said today.

The broadcast was transcribed in London by the Greek News Agency, which represent General Markos' Government, and quoted from an address by the Greek Communist chief, Nicolas Zachariades.

He denied that a peace offer was made because of any military defeats and warned the guerrillas to be prepared to continue fighting if the offer was not accepted.

He charged that American administrators in Greece did not want peace. "What they want is to delay matters until after the November elections in the States when they hope American troops will be sent to help them out of their 'muddle'."—United Press.

## An End To Bread Rationing

New York, June 6.  
Bread rationing may be ended in Britain, Belgium, France, Italy and some Scandinavian countries if an American harvest forecast proves accurate, the New York Times said today.

The paper quoted an estimate by two experts which predicted an exportable American grain surplus this year if the weather holds.—Reuter.

## D-DAY ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

London, June 6.  
The anniversary of D-Day—the Western Allies' surge across the English Channel four years ago—was observed today by ceremonies at Portsmouth, base of the vast operations.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who led the British Forces in the undertaking, unveiled a memorial which faces the sea at the spot from which many units of the armada sailed with troops and equipment for the Normandy beaches. The memorial is a simple block of stone similar to those which England used to block its roads when a German invasion was feared.

In a short address, Viscount Montgomery said that the D-Day exploit was an example of perfect combined operations requiring the utmost of precision on the part of the land, sea and air forces, and the smoothest of collaboration among the Allies.

"If you had not seen it you could not visualise its immense size," he said. He recalled that he approached D-Day with complete confidence.

United States marines from the US Embassy in London and a detachment of sailors from the US cruiser Fresno took part in the ceremony.

### Sour Note

On the continent, the anniversary was less generally observed and from the Russian quarters in Berlin came a sour note.

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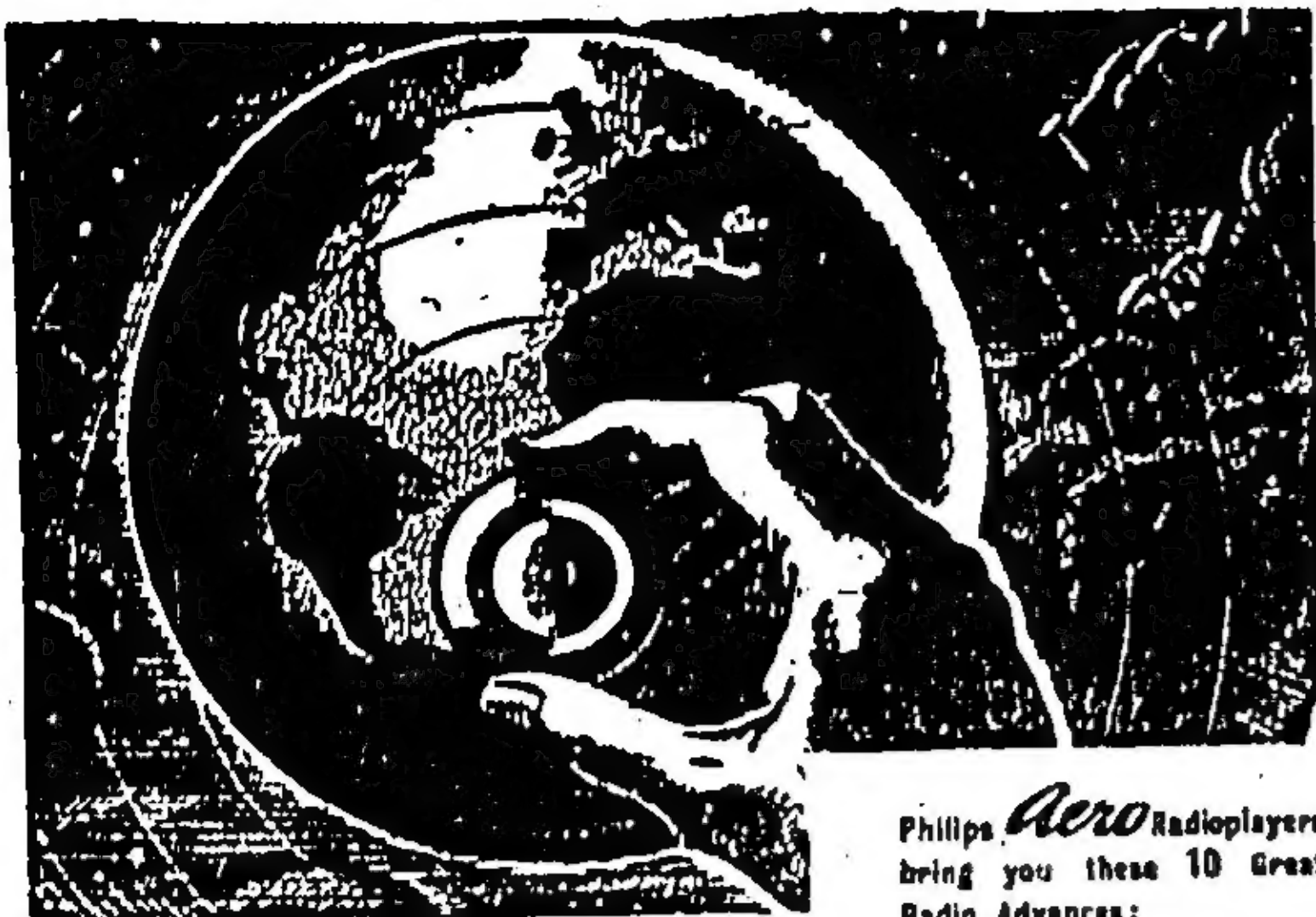
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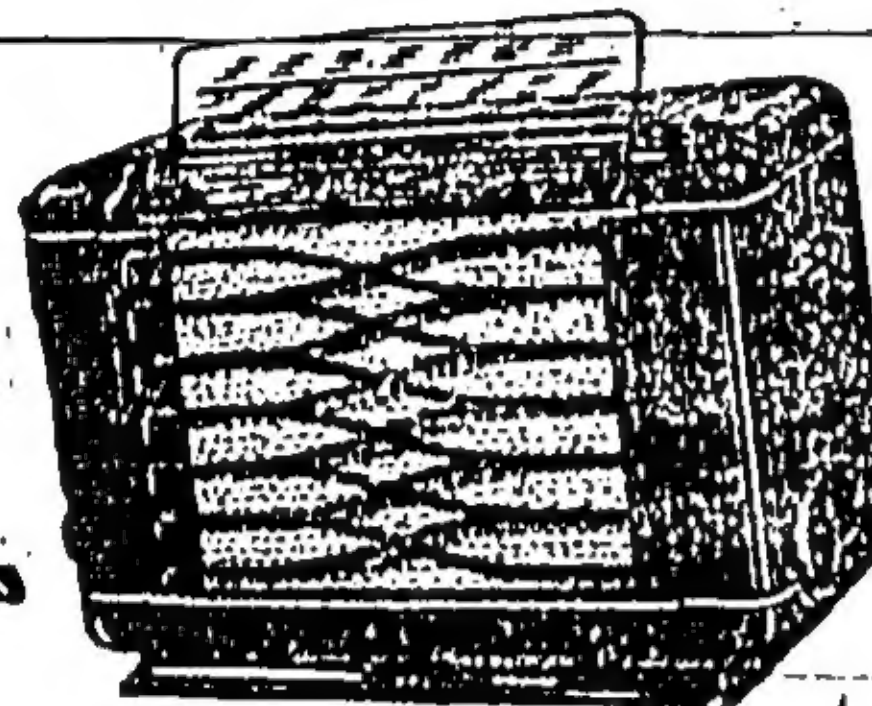
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## NEW BID TO SOLVE INDIA'S PARTITION PROBLEMS

### New St. Lo Dedicated On D-Day

St. Lo, France, June 6. This "capital of ruins" dedicated itself to the job of reconstruction today, four years after the D-Day bombardment.

St. Lo's 8,000 surviving citizens—4,000 died in the war—gathered in the shattered Notre Dame Cathedral to watch President Vincent Auriol lay the first stone of the new city to be built.

The first building will be a French-American memorial hospital to be built with U.S. financial aid.

"Our American friends remember St. Lo as the gateway to victory and as a symbol of France's suffering," Mayor Georges Lavallée told the townsfolk. "It is to them we owe our liberation and now the start of our reconstruction."

For President Auriol this town was the main stop on his 4-day tour of the Normandy battlefields commemorating the fourth anniversary of D-Day.

This morning President Auriol laid the first reconstruction cornerstone and placed wreaths on the doorway of the St. Lo prison now a shrine to the memory of the 42 resistance leaders who died there.—United Press.

### RUSSIANS GET WARM RECEPTION

Munich, June 6. A US Army spokesman said a crowd of angry displaced persons from Poland and the Ukraine stoned and booed five Russian officers when they visited a DP camp at Mittenwald today.

The Russians went there to persuade the internees to return to the Russian dominated homelands. The 1,100 internees had been advised earlier that the Russians would call on them.

The Russians were just getting out of their cars inside the camp when some of a crowd of 300 or more DPs began hurling paving stones picked up from the street. The Russians attempted to quiet the crowd but were met with curses and shouts such as "tell us what happened to our mother or brother, etc., before you try to tell us to go back."

Getting back into their cars, the Russians drove away. The automobile in which Russian General Yurkin was riding was hit almost 20 times. Captain Morton Sill of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, a US Civil Affairs Division officer who was riding with General Yurkin, said:

"One stone hit my car off and I saw some blood on the windshield but I don't know whose it was."—Associated Press.

### Gen Ritchie Honoured

London, June 6. General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander of the Far East Land Forces, had the honour of being received by His Majesty King George VI on Tuesday when the King invested him with the insignia of Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

General Ritchie came to England to attend the recent exercise "Exercise Bamboo" as it was called—held at the Staff College, Camberley.

"Exercise Bamboo" was designed as a combined effort by the Army, Navy and Air Force to apply the lessons learned in the successful campaign against the Japanese in Burma and all the latest techniques of warfare to military problems which might arise in the Far East.

### TURKISH CABINET CHANGES LIKELY

Istanbul, June 6. A reshuffling of the Turkish Cabinet was today forecast in political circles here following the resignation yesterday of the Minister for National Defence, Munir Dilek.

Three portfolios are now vacant in the Cabinet of the Premier, Hassan Sakas, formed in September, 1947.

It was reported that the Turkish Ambassador in Rome, Feridun Kemal Erkin, appointed in May, 1947, and the Ambassador in Washington, Kadir Russel Baydur, appointed in October 1946, would be exchanged.—Reuter.

### MUTUAL AID

Budapest, June 6. Government officials disclosed today that a delegation would go to Warsaw soon to conclude a mutual aid pact.

Official circles refused to disclose the date or members of the delegation but said that the signing would take place some time this month.—United Press.

### Discussing the Kashmir question tonight, Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said: "India has not the slightest intention of withdrawing from Kashmir without achieving her aim of expelling all the raiders there."

He had "substantial proof" to show that Pakistan was using its army and other resources against India in Kashmir.

Referring to Hyderabad, he said: "In my opinion, Hyderabad neither can nor should leave India." "Geographically it is so situated that it cannot join any country other than India and economically also it is very much dependent on us," he added.

Except in Hyderabad, Mr. Nehru said, people all over India enjoyed a responsible Government and it was impossible for Hyderabad to "stand against the tide of time and continue its medieval feudal system of Government."

While he was speaking, a delegation which arrived from Hyderabad, today and is headed by the State Premier, Mir Lalk Ali, was conferring with Indian Government officials on relations between the State and the Indian Dominion.

### New Powers

Later, Mir Lalk Ali had a long talk with Pandit Nehru. According to political circles here, the Hyderabad delegation has now substantial new powers to negotiate a settlement, the absence of which had previously precluded an agreement.

These circles believed that the Indian proposals, now before the delegation, urged the establishment of a responsible government in Hyderabad, giving the people of the State full democratic rights.—Reuter.

### New Proposals By Hyderabad

Hyderabad, June 6. Prime Minister Mir Lalk Ali, Deputy Premier Baidya Venkateswami Reddy, Public Works Minister Abdul Raouf and Sir Walter Monckton, Adviser to the Nizam of Hyderabad, left aboard a special plane today for New Delhi to negotiate a solution of the Hyderabad issue.

The Hyderabad Council of

Ministers continued its discussions this morning after breaking up last night. The Premier, Lalk Ali, met the ministers after an audience with the Nizam.

An air of optimism accompanied the delegation to the talks which is the most crucial of the long series of discussions between India and Hyderabad.

The delegation was late in leaving, mainly the reluctance of Mir Lalk Ali to agree to the proposals which the Hyderabad delegation is taking to New Delhi.

It is learned reliably there is every hope that the Indian Union will accept the proposals which are in two parts. One part deals with defence, communications and foreign affairs and the other with moves for a responsible Government in Hyderabad.

The proposals are in the form of a treaty between India and Hyderabad and not as an accession of Hyderabad to India which is what India desired.—United Press.

## Royal Wedding In Athens On Thursday

Genova, June 6.

Ex-King Michael and Princess Anne left here at 11.31 p.m. today on a Trans-World airliner for Athens and their wedding there on Thursday.

At the last minute, Michael decided to take no chances in the private plane, which this morning was being overhauled. There was no official reason for the change in plans.

Unofficial sources said Michael may have thought it safer to take a roundabout scheduled flight by

## Britain On The Dirty End Of Stick

Ilkley, June 6. A Conservative Party official pointed out today that two of Britain's wartime enemies, on a percentage basis, are getting much more newsprint than their conqueror.

Mr. David Scott-Atkinson, Conservative Information officer for the Yorkshire area, told a Party meeting:

"We in the British Isles occupy the 20th place out of 21 in the Olympic games for newsprint. On a recent statement by the President of the Board of Trade, we are consuming 37 per cent of pre-war supplies in order to maintain four-page newspapers. That is an annual consumption of 255,000 tons a year. A four-page newspaper has been maintained by running down the 'present' stocks to almost danger level."

"It is all the more remarkable when one realises an enemy country like Germany should be using 72 per cent of her pre-war newsprint while Italy is using 93 per cent. The United States and Canada are using 137 per cent and 142 per cent respectively, while in South Africa the figure is 174 per cent. Even Russia has 115 per cent."

Britain's population, he concluded, has become "by modern standards an ill-informed people."—United Press.

## SHANGHAI STUDENT OUTBREAK

Shanghai, June 7.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Chu Chia-hwa, arrived here from Nanking yesterday to deal with the student situation arising from the frustrated anti-American demonstration last Saturday.

Despite a superficial calm prevailing at all schools, students of at least four universities are known to have held meetings in the past 24 hours to discuss measures for the rescue of their comrades arrested by the police on Saturday.

Police information disclosed that 44 students of 54 arrested on Saturday had already been released. The remainder is being questioned.

Mayor K. C. Wu, meanwhile, said most of the arrested students followed certain leaders blindly and their parents would be asked to discipline them.

Students at various schools began clearing walls and windows of slogans and bulletins yesterday. It was reported this morning that some of the ringleaders of the middle school students who attempted to demonstrate on Saturday would be dismissed.

Meanwhile, the municipal authorities are awaiting a reply from the National Chiao Tung University officials to their seven-point letter asking, among other things, the names of the students who demanded the holding of the parade and also of the 120 members of the student body which agreed to the demonstration.

It is learned that upon receipt of an answer, the City Government will take drastic measures to forestall trouble makers in the present anti-American agitation.—Reuter.

### ITALIAN RACKET

Rome, June 6.

The Police today announced the arrest of two members of a fraudulent organisation which charged emigrants to Venezuela between 150,000 and 500,000 lire (about US\$250 to US\$500) on the pretext of paying their transport and finding work for them.

The Police said that Domenico Saccarelli and Furio Capezzuoli are the two arrested agents of the phony "Italy Venezuela Agency" who collected over 10,000,000 lire from 30 prospective emigrants.—United Press.

## 52 DEAD IN VANPORT FLOOD—DISASTER

Portland, Oregon, June 6.

A new flood wave was plunging toward Portland today as the Red Cross listed a total of 52 people including 45 children, missing from the small neighbouring city of Vanport, obliterated by dyke-breaking torrents last week.

Boat crews were probing the wreckage for victims on the last disaster, side by side with troops and civilian teams feverishly stacking sandbags along 120 miles of the Columbia river's crumbling embankments.

Estimating that millions of dollars of damage had already been done to the North West, engineers feared the new crest, expected to hit late tonight, would devastate the industrial areas of Portland.

Leaks and seepages have developed along the dykes protecting North Portland. The Army was standing by with barges ready to ram them into the first break-through.

The big Reynolds aluminium

plant and the Portland municipal airport are in danger.

Engineers fear the nearby embankments, being pounded by the rising tides and swirling floodwaters, would stand another flood wave.

Portland's huge civic auditorium, public buildings and church halls were already crowded with refugees from the inundated countryside.

Over 60,000 persons have already been driven from their homes.—Reuter.

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## HK Exhibits In Canada

London, June 6.

Exhibits from China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, and Java came in for special reference in reports issued in London on the Canadian International Trade Fair now open at Toronto.

An official statement refers to the wealth of embroidered goods, lacquer and ivory carvings, edible birds' nests and many other products from China, as well as to the magnificent displays of set and unset precious stones from Singapore, and ginger from Hong Kong. Contributions sent from Java are examples of Balinese and Javanese art.

Overseas contributors, including Great Britain, account for nearly 40 per cent of the exhibits displayed at the Fair. The exhibits total more than 1,500 and are drawn from more than 30 countries.

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Indonesians And Dutch Agree On Collaboration**Swollen Heads In Ceylon!**

Fly, Yorkshire, June 3.  
Ceylon was "very glad" to be part of the British Commonwealth but "we had our heads rather swollen when we received Dominion status and that may bring disaster", the Right Reverend H. L. J. Mel, Assistant Bishop of Colombo, told a bishops and laymen's conference here today.

Ceylon was "an infinitely friendlier land than England" and had achieved Dominion status "without diffusion of blood and some diffusion of hot air which does not hurt very much," the bishop said.

Many past "frustrations" to the national consciousness had now gone and the "so-called national idea of the East" was more positive than negative.

"It has been a cultural thing and a desire to develop our historic language," he said. The bishop added that Ceylon must see her way to an inspired selection of the "many excellent things" in British culture and civilisation.—Reuter.

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**POLITICO-ECONOMIC UNDERSTANDING**

Amsterdam, June 3.

Dutch and Indonesians, bogged down in their political negotiations, have reached "a large measure of agreement" on permanent political and economic collaboration between the two countries, Professor Pieter Liefstink, the Netherlands Minister of Finance, declared today.

He disclosed that he and Lieutenant-Governor General Hubertus Van Mook of the Netherlands East Indies have drafted an agreement to be submitted for approval to members of the proposed Netherlands-Indonesian Union—the Netherlands, the Indonesian Republic and non-Republican territories.

Professor Liefstink returned here late last night by air from a fortnight's stay in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital. He refused to comment on the political situation.

The existing financial relations between the two countries were also said to have been discussed and regulated, he said.

Account had been taken of the financial situation of the Netherlands, the social and political wishes of the Indonesians and the Dutch and foreign interests in Indonesia.

They had also discussed the provision of capital and working experience for developing the country's resources and budgetary problems connected with the issue of Dutch credits to Indonesia, both by the Government and privately.

The target date for setting up

the Netherlands-Indonesian Union is January 1 next, but with less than six months to go, there is still no settlement of the political differences now being thrashed out between the Dutch and the Republicans in Jogjakarta.—Reuter

It had been reported that the Dutch delegates, Mr. L. Neher and Jonkheer Van Ridenburg, asked Dr. Mohammed Hatta, the Republican Premier, last Thursday to discontinue the Republic's foreign relations and to give a clear-cut answer whether the Republic wants a plebiscite in Java, Sumatra and Madura.

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**Sauce For The Goose**

Moscow, June 3.

Moscow newspapers today published a Tass dispatch from Berlin summarising an American-Soviet exchange on an incident last week when American fighters conveyed a Russian plane flying from Zurich to Berlin.

The Americans were accused of "violating flying safety rules" in a letter from General M.I. Dralvin, Soviet Deputy Commander in Germany to General Hays, U.S. Deputy Commander.

General Dralvin said that the American charge that the Russian plane was off normal course was absurd.

The American contention that the Russians should have informed the Americans of the exact course of the plane was irrelevant, he stated, since the Americans actually were informed and gave permission for the flight ahead of time.

General Dralvin demanded "urgent measures" to prevent such incidents in the future.—Associated Press.

**CHINESE DOLLAR SLUMPS**

Shanghai, June 3.

The Chinese dollar slumped heavily today after comparative stability during the past fortnight. The black-market United States dollar was quoted as high as CN\$1,450,000 which is 400,000 Chinese dollars higher than the rate a week ago, while one ounce of gold bar hit CN\$73,000,000 or \$18,000,000 more within a week.

Exchange surrender certificates changed hands today at CN\$395,000, which together with the Central Bank's open market rate of CN\$474,000 gave exporters a total of CN\$869,000 for one United States dollar.—Reuter.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 9th June
"NEWCHANG"	Singapore	5 p.m. 10th June
"SHANGKING"	Singapore	5 p.m. 10th June
"SHANGHAI"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 10th June
"FENGTEIEN" (not loading)	Japan ports	10 a.m. 10th June
"YUCHOW"	Amoy, Fouchow & Shanghai	10 a.m. 11th June
"NANCHANG"	Rube	4 p.m. 11th June
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore	5 p.m. 14th June
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	4 p.m. 21st June

ARRIVALS FROM

"YUCHOW"	Java & S'pore	8th June
"NANCHANG"	Korea	8th June
"SHANGKING"	Shanghai	7 a.m. 8th June
"TSINAN"	Swatow	10 a.m. 8th June
"FOOCHOW"	Japan, Shanghai & Keelung	9th June
"FENGTEIEN"	Java & Singapore	9th June
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	15th June

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"TRIAM"	via Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool	15th July

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Arrivals from

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"PRIAM"		11th July

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"SOOCHOW"	Australia	28th June
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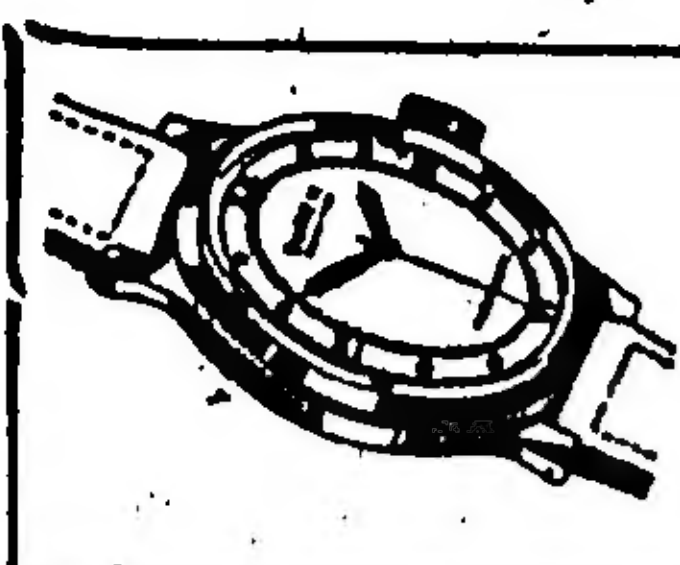
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## Junior TT Race

Douglas, Isle of Man, June 7.  
Freddie Frith on a Velocette won the Junior Tourist Trophy race over the famous Isle of Man roads today, covering the seven laps of the tricky course—a total distance of 264 miles—in three hours, 14 minutes and 33.6 seconds, at an average speed of 81.5 miles an hour. Frith had taken the lead in the first lap and apart from one period, when he stopped for replenishment in the fourth lap, he was always in front.—Reuter.

## Columbia Flood Receding

Portland, June 7.  
Three troops and volunteers today fought the Columbia River with renewed energy, encouraged by a growing hope from their engineer overseers that the remaining dykes along the mighty flooding river would hold.

The Columbia and its main tributaries appeared to have reached their crest, even receding slightly. The Columbia rolled to a new crest past Portland on Sunday. It was only about four inches below the flood tide of last week that burst through the dykes and obliterated the war-born city of Vapport, north of Portland.

Army engineers reported that the Columbia reached its crest at 10.72 feet on Sunday night. The river was expected to hold that level today or even to recede very slightly.

The engineers would not say yet that this would be the final crest. But they said that upriver reports were encouraging.

The Columbia dropped one-tenth of a foot at Pasco Wash, Snake River, one of the main tributaries, dropped four-tenths of a foot in 10 hours.

The American Red Cross meanwhile said 75 persons were unaccounted for after the Memorial Day Sunday disaster that smashed to ruins housing project units which housed some 18,500 persons.

The Red Cross said the tally of registrations at Portland civic auditorium disaster headquarters showed 5,748 families registered with the Red Cross by late Sunday. A spot sampling indicated that an average of three persons in each family unit, showing that about 17,000 applied for new clothing, temporary shelter or medical attention.

Forty-eight of the unaccounted persons listed by the Red Cross are children.

Coroner Earl Smith predicted that not more than a dozen dead would be found in Vapport's flooded shambles. The bodies of two infants were the only ones recovered from the Vapport area so far.—United Press.

## TWO NEW CLINICS TO AID GOVERNMENT ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN

A new anti-tuberculosis clinic costing an estimated \$150,000 dollars is shortly to be set up by Government on the site adjoining the Harcourt Health Centre in Happy Valley. Plans have now been drawn up for the project, together with the drafts for another tuberculosis clinic to be built next to the Kowloon Hospital.

Work will begin on both buildings as soon as the Public Works Department can undertake construction.

As part of Government's full scale drive against tuberculosis in the Colony, the new clinic in Kowloon will occupy over 4,000 square feet and will comprise—as will the proposed Happy Valley clinic—waiting rooms, doctors' and nurses' rooms, a laboratory, an X-ray room, radiograph and film storage rooms and health visitors' rooms.

Towards the cost of these buildings, a recent British Red Cross donation of £10,000, granted in the first place for the erection of tuberculosis huts, will be used. It was earlier proposed that Nissen huts should be erected but these were deemed as unsuitable for the work involved and, instead, the buildings now planned will be set up.

The Harcourt Health Centre was opened in January last year for the purpose of general health treatment for the public, but owing to the accommodation shortage, part of the building has had to be borrowed for use by the anti-tuberculosis section of the Medical Department.

### 8,000 A Month

With the opening of the new building next door, however, this work will be transferred. A visit to the anti-T.B. section of the Harcourt Centre yesterday, revealed that a great deal is now being done in the past 12 months to combat the spreading of tuberculosis. Under the supervision of Dr. H. Meyer, the Clinic's anti-epidemic and anti-tuberculosis section deals with an average attendance of 8,000 persons—mostly women, including returning patients.

Open to all members of the public as well as members of the Government service, the first visit attendances are made up of either voluntary patients or people who are referred by doctors and hospitals.

The total attendance figure for last month was 8,874, and was made up of 1,660 first attendances and 7,215 returning patients. Between the 1st of January this year and the end of May, 7,332 first attendance patients made visits—and that number 3,893 have been found free, 830 inactive or healed, 323 suspicious, 1,327 active and 751 are awaiting X-ray results.

## Students Protest On Stuart Address

Peiping, June 7.  
Student self-governments in 11 local universities declared in a joint statement today that Ambassador Lighthorn J. Stuart's recent strongly worded criticism of the Chinese student anti-American aid to Japan movement was a misinterpretation of facts and interference in China's national affairs.

The message, sent to the Express Mail on Sunday, told Dr. Stuart: "We respect you for your contribution to Chinese education but we protest gravely against the announcement you made on June 4 in your capacity of Ambassador which, we believe, interferes with the national affairs of China."

"Misinterpreted"  
"You misinterpreted the patriotic anti-American aid to Japan movement of the Chinese students. This misinterpretation something we feel an ambassador of a foreign country should not have made."

"The students of China have always attempted to uphold their convictions. In this instance, we are strongly opposed to any attempt on the part of the United States to further Japanese imperialism. Even if the 'unfortunate result' you referred to in your speech comes about and even if the persecution of Chinese students continues, it will not put an end to this movement."

The students' spokesman explained that persecution did not refer to American but was directed against the Chinese Government.

The statement was signed by the student self-governments of 11 universities in Peiping.

## Birthday Parade In Japan

Tokyo, June 7.  
The King's birthday will be celebrated with ceremonial parades throughout the British Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan on June 10, the BCOF headquarters announced today.

In Tokyo, there will be a parade on the Imperial Palace Plaza, attended by Air-Vice-Marshal J.P. Macaulay, acting Commander-in-Chief of the BCOF, who will present honours and decorations to both American and British personnel.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Union Jack "will be broken" and a royal salute of 21 guns and a Foe de Joli will be fired.

Many high-ranking members of the British, American and other Allied nations are expected to attend.

At Hiro, southern Honshu, in the BCOF area, 1,000 troops of the 34th Australian Brigade will parade, followed by a royal salute. Three other parades will be held in the New Zealand area of the BCOF. A total of 200 BCOF aircraft will also participate.—Reuter.

## CARDINALS ON TOP OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, June 6.  
Red Schoendienst led the way with five doubles and a home run in two games as Saint Louis swept a doubleheader from Philadelphia to put the Cardinals on top of the National League. New York and Pittsburgh split a twin bill.

In the first game which Saint Louis won 11-1, the Cards took off three Philadelphia pitchers for 14 hits, including four homers in the sixth by Eddie Duszak, Scoen-dienst, Enos Slaughter and Nippy Jones. Jones drove in the only two runs of the nightcap with a sixth inning single, giving Saint Louis a 2-0 victory.

Richie Ashburn, rookie left fielder, failed to hit safely for the first time in 22 games. Pittsburgh's and New York split a doubleheader. Scoring runs in the first and seventh innings, New York routed Pittsburgh 16-4 in the first game. Sid Gordon homered with the bases loaded for the Giants in the seventh. The Pirates used four pitchers in the first game, and a whirlwind finish as Ralph Kiner homered in the ninth to break a 3-3 tie and give the Pirates the nightcap 4-3.

Lefty Joe Hatten handcuffed Cincinnati with two hits as Brooklyn defeated the Reds in a five inning rain abbreviated first game of a scheduled doubleheader, 5-0. The second game was postponed.

Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson, negro star, made his first appearance in the major leagues at third base and fielded perfectly plus getting two hits.

The front running Indians tagged the skidding Athletics for two defeats in the American League. Manager Lou Boudreau homered in the sixth inning of the first game for what proved to be the winning run, enabling the Indians to win 6-3. Bomb Lemon registered his eighth pitching win. The Indians battered Dick Fowler and Bob Savage for 10 hits in the nightcap which they took 11-1. Third baseman Ken Keltner and first baseman Ed Robinson homered for the Indians. Shortstop Eddie Joost homered for the Athletics' lone run.

## RECORD DIVIDEND

Manila, June 6.  
The biggest daily double dividend in the history of racing here was paid at the Santa Ana Park on Saturday afternoon, when two long shots, Pearl River and My Luck, won the daily combination.

For the holder of a \$2.50 ticket, a dividend of \$2,144 was paid. The previous record was about \$5,000 for every \$2.50 ticket.—Reuter.

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Officials said the transaction was authorized because of the Japanese Government's need for sterling to cover raw material purchases.

They said sales will be effected on a 100 per cent sterling basis to countries participating in the recently announced sterling area.—United Press.

## Aussies 461-4

Hove, June 7.  
The Australian cricketers, continuing their innings here this morning against Sussex, had scored 461 runs for the loss of four wickets when lunch was taken.

They had dismissed the Sussex side for 86 runs on Saturday.—Reuter.

## GOLF NOTES

The old course at Fanning will re-open on July 4 with a four-ball competition in the afternoon.

Members are requested to make up their own fours. Three-eighths of combined handicaps of each pair will operate.

The June quarter for the Captain's cup at Fanning was N.A. Brown with a net score of 71. Muckle was runner-up with 73.

At Deep Water Bay the ladies' pair and bisque competition on May 20 was won by Mrs. Lisman with a return of seven up.

On June 22 a ladies' medal competition will be staged under three-quarters handicap and a limit of three clubs.

On the morning of Sunday, June 20 a medal round (18 holes) will be held. Entries will be received up till noon. Handicaps will be either three-quarters of Fanning or Deep Water Bay.

Sweden won the world handball championship today by defeating Denmark by seven goals to two in the final here.

Switzerland scored a runaway victory, 21/4 over France, to decide third and fourth places in the tournament.—Reuter.

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## SCORES NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Saint Louis	11	14	0
(Winning pitcher Jim Hearn)			
Philadelphia (2nd game)	0	5	0
Saint Louis	2	7	0
(Winning pitcher Al Brazle)			
New York 1st	16	15	1
Pittsburgh	4	10	2
(Winning pitcher Ray Pout)			
New York 2nd	3	8	1
Pittsburgh	4	8	0
(Winning pitcher Elmer Hurd)			
Brooklyn	5	8	0
Cincinnati	0	2	1
(Winning pitcher Joe Hatten)			
Boston	1	6	3
Chicago	0	4	2
(Winning pitcher Johnny Sain)			

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
Cleveland (1st game)	5	8	0
Philadelphia	3	9	1
(Winning pitcher Bob Lemon)			
Cleveland (2nd game)	11	16	0
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(Winning pitcher Steve Gronow)			
Saint Louis (1st game)	3	9	1
New York	4	8	1
(Winning pitcher Joe Page)			
Saint Louis (2nd game)	0	3	2
New York	3	8	0
(Winning pitcher Vic Raschi)			
Detroit (1st game)	4	12	1
Boston	5	9	2
(Winning pitcher Johnson)			
Detroit (2nd game)	4	7	1
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(Winning pitcher Bob Fells)			
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Washington	4	7	2
(Winning pitcher Joe Haynes)			
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Washington	4	9	0
(Winning pitcher Glee Moulton)			

## STRONG BATTING SIDE TO REPRESENT ENGLAND IN THURSDAY'S TEST

London, June 6.  
The England team to meet Australia in the first Test match, starting at Nottingham on June 10, will be chosen from the following 12 players, according to an official announcement today.

N. Yardley (Captain) Yorkshire; W. Edrich—Middlesex; C. Barnett—Gloucestershire; J. Hardstaff—Nottinghamshire; L. Hutton—Yorkshire; C. Washbrook—Lancashire; D. Compton—Middlesex; D. Wright—Kent; G. Evans—Kent; A. Bedser—Surrey; J. Young—Middlesex; and J. Laker—Surrey.

There is only one surprise. The selectors have picked the 11 originally chosen to represent

England in the Birmingham trial and have added Jim Laker, Surrey's Yorkshire-born off spinner.

General conditions, particularly weather, will be taken into account on the morning of the match, before the selectors decide who shall be left out.

In any case, they have named it Simpson, the Nottinghamshire amateur, as the 12th man.

Norman Yardley, now back to form, was chosen to lead the side and then co-opted on the Selection Committee to help A. Hirst, R. W. V. Robins and J. Clay to choose the remainder.

Yardley proved himself on the last Australian tour and again in the Nottingham test against South Africa that he is essentially the man for the big occasion.

Douglas Wright, the Kent leg spinner, is doubtful owing to lameness, but, providing he is fit, England will have eight recognized bowlers in their 12, with Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hardstaff, Barnett and Yardley as the first seven.

The side looks very strong in batting, though one of these may have to be sacrificed for Laker.—Reuter.

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## FINDS SOLACE IN BUDDHISM

Tokyo, June 7.  
A 60-year-old British Army officer who recently became an Assistant Buddhist Bishop said today the Oriental religion has brought peace to his once confused mind.

He is Major John Brinkley, assigned to the international prosecution section at the Tojo trial as a language officer. His home is in Leath, Ireland, but he was born in Japan of a Japanese mother and an Irish father.

As a boy he rebelled against enforced study of Christian religion. When he went to England he turned to the teachings of Karl Marx at London University and finally fastened upon Buddhism.

Methodist Mother  
"My Irish father never earned much about religion but my Japanese mother was a devotee of Buddhism and she determined to cram me full of the teachings," said Brinkley. "That is a mistake with a young boy."

The Major believes all life is one—vegetable, animal, human. He is convinced that these are the stages of evolution and he believes firmly in reincarnation.

His years of study have made him more tolerant and he is convinced that Christianity is only the beginning of religion because it has misinterpreted Christ's teachings. He thinks the Catholic Church has the most beautiful ceremonies and often seeks rest in watching its rituals.

Brinkley acknowledges that Christ truly was an earth, says he attained the perfection of Buddhism in the belief in reincarnation con-

## Read Marx

The Major said he early objected to being crammed with the teaching, "God looks down on us as his flock. There was no opportunity to reason it out."

At London University he began reading Marx because "the materialistic idea seemed much firmer." But as an English officer at Ypres in World War I, the horror of great death toll made him think there was more than a materialistic world. In his utter confusion he turned to Oriental philosophy and Buddhism.

He regards his role as Assistant Buddhist Bishop more or less honorary. But he is happy, he says, in the peace of mind he has found. A strict Buddhist vegetarian, he lives simply with his Japanese wife. His first two wives, one Irish, the other English, died.—Associated Press.

## Regulations To Check On Hotels

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3. In these Regulations, "Competent Authority" shall mean the person appointed by the Governor to be the competent authority for the purposes of these regulations.

"Court" includes a magistrate within the meaning of the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932 and any amendment thereof.

"Hotel" means any premises where lodging is habitually provided for valuable consideration other than premises where the person for whom lodging is the tenant of the person providing it.

4. The competent authority may by Order under the provisions of these Regulations, whether of general or particular application fix maximum charges for all or any of the services (including the provision of lodging) provided by any hotel and may prohibit the making of any charge by any hotel except in respect of the services specified in any such Order.

### Powers Of Authority

5. The competent authority or any person appointed by the competent authority to be a Hotel Inspector may at any reasonable time:

(a) enter upon and inspect any premises which he has reason to believe are being used as a hotel;

(b) require any person carrying on the management of such hotel or employed in connection therewith:

(1) to produce to, and allow to be examined by him, any accounts, books or other documents in the custody or under the control of the person so required, being documents relating to the management of the hotel or of any service rendered by such hotel; and the examination of which he may reasonably require for the purposes of these Regulations;

(2) to furnish to him any information regarding the management of the hotel or of any service rendered by such hotel which he may reasonably require for any of the purposes of these Regulations;

(3) to display any Order of the competent authority in any part or parts of the hotel, the management of which is being carried on by such person.

### Maximum Charges

6. Where maximum charges have been prescribed under regulation 4 for any service supplied by any hotel, it shall be an offence against these Regulations for any person carrying on or connected with the management of any such hotel or acting as the agent or servant of such management to refuse to supply such service to any person demanding the same. Provided always that any such refusal shall not constitute an offence against this regulation if it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that no evasion of this regulation was intended and that the circumstances of the case.

7. It shall be an offence against these Regulations:

(a) to charge for any service a price in excess of the maximum price prescribed for such service under regulation 4.

(b) to obstruct the competent authority or Hotel Inspector in the exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 5.

## Parker Wins Final

Brussels, June 6.  
The American, No. 1, Frankie Parker, strengthened his position as favourite for the Wimbledon title by winning the men's singles final in the Belgian lawn tennis championship here today.

Parker, the recent winner of the French title, beat his compatriot, Budge Patty, in the final 6/0, 1/0, 3/0, 6/1, 6/2.

Mrs. Patricia Todd, of the American, Wightman Cup team, won the women's singles title, beating Madame Szyk Kornorzy, the Hungarian champion, 6/0, 6/2 in the final.

Mrs. Mary Prentiss, of America, and D. Mite, of Yugoslavia, won the mixed doubles championship, defeating the Belgian lawn tennis tournament by beating Miss Barbara Scott of America and Miss M. Washburn of Belgium, 6/0, 6/2.—Reuter.